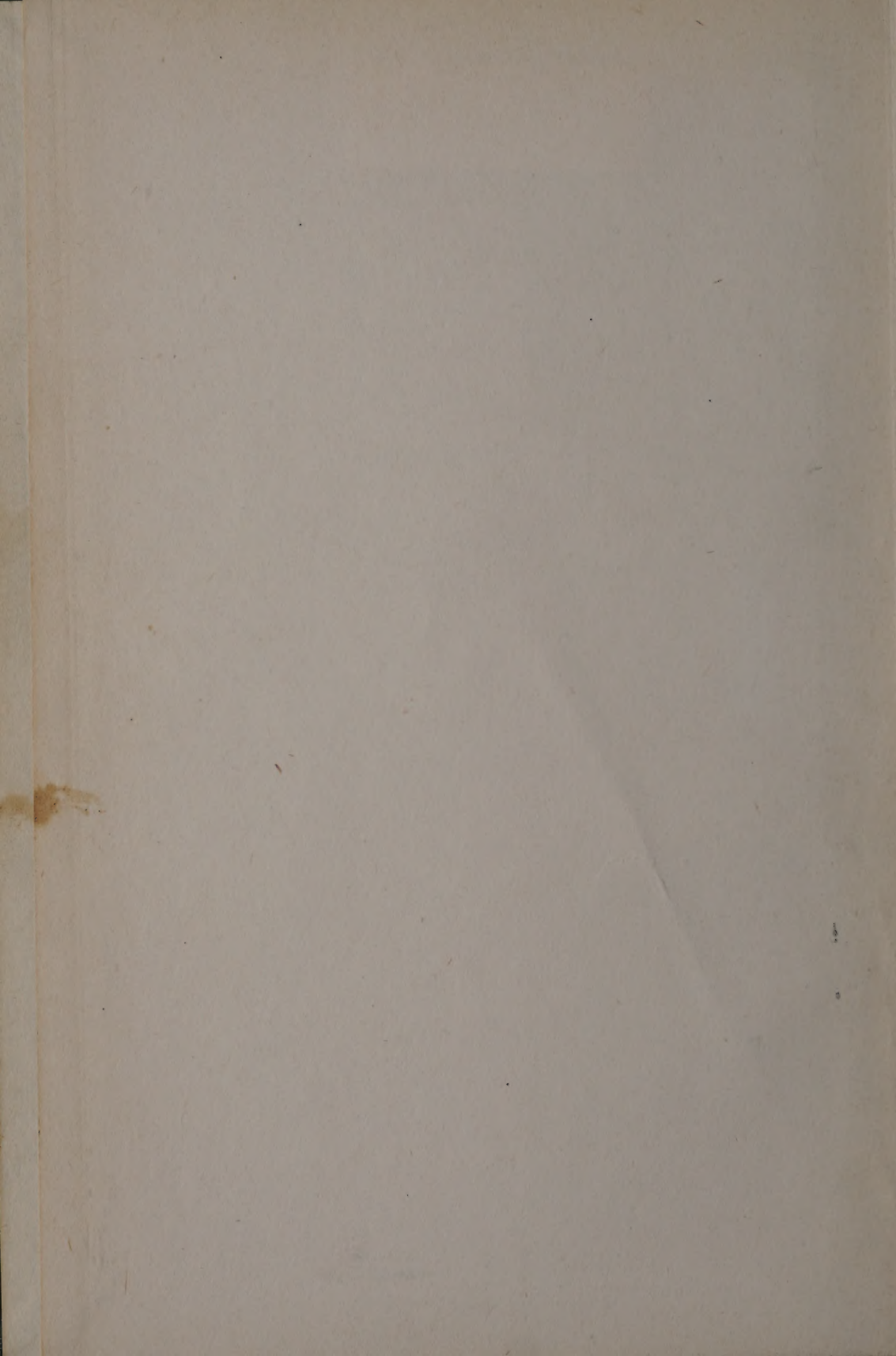


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FOREWORD

The materials presented in the total volume of the Proceedings of the General Conference have been divided into five parts which we believe will make for greater convenience in looking up specific items. For those who desire to have the proceedings of the Conference without the Stenographic Record included, the first four parts have been bound in a volume by themselves and will carry a full table of contents but not a detailed index. The complete index will be found at the close of the volume which carries all five parts.

At the beginning of each part a list of that part's contents may be found in outline form. This, in some cases, will eliminate the necessity of consulting the index for certain items. It might be well for the reader to study the general outline of the volume before searching for particular items.

The reports presented and passed upon by the General Conference have been worked so as to present all changes and amendments made on the floor of the Conference and thus, as far as the editors have been able to determine, they present all matters in final form for the quadrennium. Reference materials will be found in the form in which they were submitted to the General Conference and passed on to committees for consideration. The reader should always distinguish between a paper presented simply as reference material and one presented as a report by a General Conference Committee for action establishing policies and procedures for the quadrennium.

The index section of this volume has been carefully prepared and we believe the reader can locate without difficulty any item of importance in the Proceedings. There are many cross references in the index, therefore, we see no reason why it should take much time to locate any particular item.

The editors do not claim perfection in their work on this volume of General Conference Proceedings. Neither do we guarantee that it is free from errors, but we believe that this record presents all the essential work of the First General Conference of The Evangelical United Brethren Church, and we hereby submit it to the Church for whatever consideration it may receive.—Editors.

NOTE: Where paragraph numbers are mentioned in this volume of the General Conference Proceedings, the references are to paragraph numbers in the 1942 edition of the Discipline.

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November 16 to November 21, Inclusive

First United Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pennsylvania

SATURDAY FORENOON, NOVEMBER 16, 9:00 O'CLOCK

BISHOP A. R. CLIPPINGER, D.D., LL.D., Presiding

Organ Prelude

Processional Hymn

Service of Worship

Special Music—Bonebrake Theological Seminary Choir

Declaration of Union

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 - b. Secretary of the General Conference, Evangelical Church
2. Determining the seating of General Conference Personnel
3. Introduction of Special Guests
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Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

BISHOP IRA D. WARNER

Celebrant with Board of Bishops

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Communion Message—"The Basic Christian Affirmation"

Bishop John S. Stamm

The Holy Communion

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Devotions—"United in Christ"

Scripture—John 17: 14-26—Dr. David E. Young

Prayer—Dr. William E. Grote

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Episcopal Message—Bishop A. R. Clippinger

Hymn No. 281—"Faith of Our Fathers"

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1. Publishing Houses: Dr. L. L. Huffman, Mr. Roy H. Stetler, Rev. F. Gloor (Switzerland), Bishop G. E. Epp (Germany)
2. Church Periodicals: Dr. W. E. Snyder, Dr. E. G. Frye, Dr. E. E. Harris, Dr. R. M. Veh

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Prayer—Dr. S. Paul Weaver

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Greetings:

Evangelical United Brethren Ministerium, Johnstown, Pa., Rev. Harry G. Paul, President

City Ministerium, Johnstown, Pa., Rev. Harold L. Rowe, President

Pennsylvania Council of Churches, Dr. Ivan M. Gould, Secretary

Response: Dr. Clyde A. Lynch

Presentation of Church Interests

1. Missions and Church Extension: Dr. S. G. Ziegler, Dr. C. Heinmiller,
Dr. U. P. Hovermale, Dr. C. Heinmiller.

2. Statistics: Dr. L. L. Huffman and Dr. A. F. Weaver

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SATURDAY EVENING, 7:30 O'CLOCK

YOUTH RALLY

First Evangelical Church

Address—DR. OLIVER CUMMINGS

Young People's Work Director, Northern Baptist Convention

SUNDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 17

Sharing-in Worship Services of the
Churches in Johnstown and Vicinity

CHURCHES

First United Brethren
First Evangelical
Park Avenue (UB)
Moxham (Ev)
Homestead (UB)
Somerset (UB)
Beulah (Ev)
Barron Ave. (UB)
Derby Street (Ev)
Fairfield Ave. (Ev)
South Fork (Ev)
Geistown (Ev)
Overbrook (UB)
Cooper Ave. (Ev)
Westmont (UB)
Vickroy Ave. (Ev)
Garfield Ave. (Ev)
Conemaugh (UB)
Conemaugh (Ev)
Windber (UB)
Windber (Ev)
Scalp Level (Ev)
Holsopple (UB)
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Dr. W. M. Sparks
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Dr. J. F. Hatton

SUNDAY AFTERNOON, 2:30 O'CLOCK**Jubilee Fellowship Service***Cochran Junior High School Auditorium***BISHOP JOHN S. STAMM, D.D., LL.D., Chairman**

Organ Prelude

Invocation—Bishop A. R. Clippinger, D.D., LL.D.

Hymn No. 164—"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

Greetings—Bishop J. Balmer Showers, D.D.

Special Music

Scripture Lesson—

Old Testament—Bishop C. H. Stauffacher, D.D., LL.D.

New Testament—Bishop V. O. Weidler, D.D., LL.D.

Prayer—Bishop E. W. Praetorius, D.D., LL.D.

Announcements, Offering—Bishop F. L. Dennis, D.D.

Introductions—Bishop I. D. Warner, D.D., LL.D.

Special Music

Address—Bishop G. E. Epp, D.D., LL.D.

Hymn No. 281—"Faith of Our Fathers"

Address—Bishop G. D. Batdorf, D.D., Ph.D.

Hymn No. 415—"The Church's One Foundation"

Closing Prayer and Benediction—Bishop H. H. Fout, D.D.

SUNDAY EVENING, 7:30 O'CLOCK*Cochran Junior High School Auditorium***Sacred Concert by the Choirs of Johnstown Churches,****Assisted by Conference Choruses****MONDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 18, 9:00 O'CLOCK****BISHOP GEORGE E. EPP, D.D., LL.D., Presiding**

Devotions—"Garments of Unity"

Scripture—Colossians 3:1-4; 12-17—Rev. E. M. Matz

Prayer—Dr. C. M. Bowman

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2. Council of Administration: Dr. D. T. Gregory and Dr. A. F. Weaver
3. Sunday School Publications: Dr. O. O. Arnold and Dr. W. E. Peffley
4. Christian Education: Dr. O. T. Deever and Dr. R. H. Mueller

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Editor of Church Publication

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Trustees of Printing Establishment of the United Brethren in Christ

Board of Publication of the Evangelical Press

Board of Publication

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1. Evangelism: Dr. D. T. Gregory and Dr. R. H. Mueller

2. Christian Social Action: Prof. Roy D. Miller and Dr. R. M. Veh

3. Rural Life: Rev. J. P. Hendrix

4. Theological Seminaries: Dr. W. N. Roberts, Dr. H. R. Heininger, Dr. J. Arthur Heck, Rev. F. Gloor (Reutlingen, Germany)

American Bible Society—Dr. Robert T. Taylor, General Secretary

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Missionary Recognition Service

REV. S. G. ZIEGLER, D.D., Presiding

Devotions—"Christ and the Message"

Scripture—Mark 1:1-15—Rev. T. L. Miles

Prayer—Rev. C. F. Strutz

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BISHOP E. W. PRAETORIUS, D.D., LL.D., Presiding

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Presentation of Church Interests**Educational Institutions**

Otterbein College—President J. Gordon Howard
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 York College—President D. E. Weidler
 Shenandoah College—President L. P. Hill

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BISHOP F. L. DENNIS, D.D. Presiding

Devotions—"All Nations"

Scripture—Psalm 67; Ephesians 3:14-21—Rev. H. H. Thomas

Prayer—Rev. E. E. Erffmeyer

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Address—Rev. Samuel McCrae Cavert, D.D., General Secretary Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America

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Col. R. M. Baker Home—Mr. E. E. Hostetler

Flat Rock Children's Home—Rev. J. H. Arndt

Evangelical Home—Rev. G. C. Gabriel

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BISHOP G. BROMLEY OXNAM, D.D., LL.D., President of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America

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BISHOP J. BALMER SHOWERS, D.D., Presiding

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Otterbein Home, Lebanon—Dr. J. R. Overmiller

Pacific Evangelical Home for Aged People—Rev. T. M. Krauss

Quincy Orphanage and Home—Prof. A. C. Wertsch

Western Old People's Home—Rev. G. A. Stauffacher

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Address—Dr. G. W. Crabbe, Supt. National Anti-Saloon League

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DR. CHARLES RAY GOFF, Pastor Methodist Temple, Chicago, Illinois

Women's Rally—First United Brethren Church

Address—

MRS. HARPER SIBLEY, President, United Council of Church Women

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BISHOP JOHN S. STAMM, D.D., LL.D., Presiding

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BISHOP G. E. EPP, D.D., LL.D., Presiding

(A business session was held on Thursday evening, November 21, even though the printed program did not schedule such a session. More details concerning some evening services may be found in the Body of the Proceedings.—EDITORS.

RESPONSIVE SERVICE OF WORSHIP

(Used at the opening session of the General Conference)

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

Bishop Oh, come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker.

Response . . . For he is our God: and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

Bishop Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.

Response . . . For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.

Bishop O give thanks unto the Lord; and call upon his name: make known His deeds among the people.

Response . . . Sing unto the Lord, sing psalms unto Him: talk ye of all his wondrous works. Glory ye in His holy name.

Bishop For the Lord is great and greatly to be praised.

Response . . . Honor and majesty are before him: strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.

Bishop Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name; bring an offering and come before him.

Response . . . O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: fear before him all the earth.

Bishop O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

Response . . . Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving and make a joyful noise unto Him with psalms.

Hymn

We praise thee, O God!
For the Son of thy love
For Jesus who died,
And is now gone above.

Revive us again;
Fill each heart with thy love,
May each soul be rekindled
With fire from above.

Chorus . . Hallelujah! thine the glory
Hallelujah! Amen.
Hallelujah! thine the glory
Revive us again.

CHRISTIAN UNITY

Bishop As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.

Response . . . And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth.

Bishop Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;

Response . . . That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.

Bishop And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one even as we are one:

Response . . . I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.

Bishop I thank my God for every remembrance of you . . . for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now;

Response . . . Being confident of this very thing, that he who began a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.

Bishop And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul.

Response . . . And they continued steadfastly in the apostles doctrine and fellowship, and in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.

THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION

Bishop Jesus asked his disciples, whom do men say that I the Son of Man am?

Response . . . And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.

Bishop Jesus answered, Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-Jona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my father which is in heaven.

Response . . . And upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Bishop There is one body and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling.

Response . . . One Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, who is above all and through all and in you all.

Hymn

Elect from every nation,
 Yet one o'er all the earth,
 Her charter and salvation
 One Lord, one faith, one birth;
 One holy name she blesses,
 Partakes one holy food;
 And to one hope she presses,
 With every grace endued.

Mid toil and tribulation
 And tumult of her war,
 She waits the consummation
 Of peace forevermore;
 Till with the vision glorious
 Her longing eyes are blest,
 And the great church victorious
 Shall be the church at rest.

In unison

THE APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost; born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he arose again from the dead; ascended into heaven; and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE DECLARATION OF UNION

PRESENTED BY BISHOP A. R. CLIPPINGER

WHEREAS, The Church of the United Brethren in Christ and The Evangelical Church, by their respective General Conferences, did heretofore appoint Commissions on Church Federation and Union; and

WHEREAS, these Commissions at a joint meeting held in the City of Cleveland, in the State of Ohio, U. S. A., on the 20th day of February, 1942, by joint action, did agree upon, approve and adopt a Plan and Basis of Union, and a Discipline, for the organic union of these two Churches, and thereafter presented said Plan and Basis of Union and proposed Discipline for The Evangelical United Brethren Church to their respective denominational bodies; and

WHEREAS, The Church of the United Brethren in Christ and The Evangelical Church, each acting in its own behalf and in accordance with the Plan and Basis of Union, did approve and adopt the proposed Plan and Basis of Union and the Discipline for The Evangelical United Brethren Church in accordance with the provisions, rules, regulations and usages of their respective constitutions and disciplines; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Bishops of the two uniting Churches, pursuant to the provisions of the Plan and Basis of Union, did issue a call for Sessions of their respective General Conferences, and for a subsequent Joint Session of such General Conferences, in which Joint Session the members of the two General Conferences constitute the membership of the first General Conference of The Evangelical United Brethren Church; and

WHEREAS, the separate Sessions of the respective General Conferences of said Churches have been held and this Joint General Conference thus authorized and constituted according to the Plan and Basis of Union, is now in session in the City of Johnstown, State of Pennsylvania, on this 16th day of November, 1946;

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Bishops of these uniting Churches, do hereby solemnly publish and declare in the Presence of God, and before all men, the following statement of facts:

I

That The Church of the United Brethren in Christ and The Evangelical Church are now and shall be one Church, known as THE EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH.

II

That the Plan and Basis of Union and the Discipline as adopted are and shall be the constitution and basic law of The Evangelical United Brethren Church.

III

That The Evangelical United Brethren Church, as thus constituted, is, and shall be, the ecclesiastical and legal successor of the two uniting Churches in accordance with the provisions of the Plan and Basis of Union and the Discipline now in full force and effect.

IV

That by the adoption of the name, THE EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH, for this united Church, no right, interest or title in and to the respective names by which the two uniting Churches have been identified and known through many years, has been nor is surrendered, but all such rights are specifically reserved against the claims of all persons, associations and organizations whatsoever.

In humble acknowledgment of Divine Guidance, we do hereby solemnly and reverently invoke upon The Evangelical United Brethren Church, thus established, the blessing of Almighty God. Amen.

Signed by:

JOHN S. STAMM
GEORGE EDWARD EPP
E. W. PRAETORIUS

C. H. STAUFFACHER
A. R. CLIPPINGER
I. D. WARNER

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FRED L. DENNIS
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Active Bishops of the Uniting Churches

H. H. FOUT, *Bishop Emeritus*

G. D. BATDORF, *Bishop Emeritus*

COMMUNION SERVICE

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Hymn

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

1.

Beneath the cross of Jesus
I fain would take my stand,
The shadow of a mighty rock
Within a weary land.
A home within the wilderness,
A rest upon the way,
From the burning of the noontide heat,
And the burden of the day.

3.

I take, O cross, thy shadow
For my abiding place;
I ask no other sunshine than
The sunshine of His face,
Content to let the world go by,
To know no gain nor loss,
My sinful self, my only shame,
My glory all the cross. Amen.

The Minister

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love Thee, and worthily magnify Thy Holy Name; through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The Scripture Call (*all standing*):

Seek ye the Lord while He may be found: call ye upon Him while He is near; Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts, and let him return unto the Lord and He will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.

Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart and ye shall find rest unto your souls; for My yoke is easy and my burden light.

He was wounded for our transgressions. He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed.

All ye like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God; let us hold fast our profession.

Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

The Hymn of Assurance (*all standing*):

"Jesus the Very Thought of Thee"

1.

Jesus, the very thought of Thee
With sweetness fills my breast;
But sweeter far Thy face to see,
And in Thy presence rest.

2.

Jesus, our only hope be Thou,
As Thou our prize shalt be;
Jesus, be Thou our glory now,
And through eternity. Amen.

Communion Message—Bishop John S. Stamm, D.D., LL.D.

The Minister:

Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Ye are My friends, if ye do the things that I command you. A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another, even as I have loved you. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another. If a man love Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and we will come unto Him and make our abode with him. Behold, I stand at the door and knock, if any man hear My voice and open the door, I will come in to him and sup with him and he with Me.

The People (*to be sung*):

Bless Thou the truth, dear Lord, to me, to me,
 As thou did'st bless the bread by Galilee
 Then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall,
 And I shall find my peace, my all in all.

The Minister:

"And when the hour had come, He sat down, and the apostles with Him. And He said unto them, with desire I have desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer; for I say unto you, I shall not eat it, until it be fulfilled in the kingdom of God. And He received the cup, and when He had given thanks, He said, Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I say unto you, I shall not drink henceforth of the fruit of the vine, until the kingdom of God is come. And He took bread, and when He had given thanks, He brake it, and gave to them, saying, This is my body which is given for you; this do in remembrance of Me."

The People (*to be sung*):

Break Thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,
 As Thou did'st break the loaves beside the sea;
 Beyond the sacred page, I seek thee, Lord,
 My spirit pants for Thee, Oh living Word!

A General Confession (*The minister and people shall bow down and pray this prayer of confession together*):

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things and Judge of all men; We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed by thought, word, and deed, against Thy divine majesty. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these, our misdoings. The remembrance of them is grievous to us and the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father. For Christ's sake forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever, hereafter serve and please Thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Thy name. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Minister:

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

"And now, ye that truly and earnestly repent of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God and walking from henceforth in His holy ways; draw near with faith, reverence and thanksgiving, and take this Sacrament of the Lord to your comfort. May this service be profitable to all who partake of it, for sanctification of body and soul, for fruitfulness in good works, and for the establishment of His holy church throughout the world.

"Oh, Lamb of God, who takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us."

Prayer of Consecration**Communion of the Bread****Communion of the Cup****The Prayer of Intercession****A Hymn of Fellowship** (*all standing*):**"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"**

1.

Blest be the tie that binds
 Our hearts in Christian love,
 The fellowship of kindred minds
 Is like to that above.

2.

Before our Father's throne
 We pour our ardent prayers;
 Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one
 Our comforts and our cares.

ROLL OF GENERAL CONFERENCE MEMBERS LIST OF DELEGATES

DELEGATES FROM THE CHURCH OF THE UNITED BRETHREN IN CHRIST

Bishops, Members ex-officio: A. R. Clippinger, Ira D. Warner, V. O. Weidler, Fred L. Dennis, J. Balmer Showers, H. H. Fout, G. D. Batdorf.

Allegheny Conference

Ministerial Delegates: E. B. Learish, J. D. Good, A. B. Fulton, C. W. Winey, E. C. Weaver, B. F. Bungard, *W. H. Hayes, W. M. Sparks. *Lay Delegates:* Mrs. I. J. Spangler, W. M. Fox, *Mrs. Ella B. Black, A. N. Pershing, W. D. Hummel, *G. R. Funk, A. C. Davis, H. M. Ruth.

California Conference

Ministerial Delegates: F. B. LaFavre, *H. H. Heberly. *Lay:* J. C. Snell, Mrs. Mabel Mallory.

Colorado-New Mexico Conference

Ministerial: Maurice Nichols, Lloyd C. Nichols. *Lay:* E. E. Stettler, Philip R. Haas.

East Ohio Conference

Ministerial: B. S. Arnold, G. B. Wetherbee, R. E. Airhart, G. F. Hartman, *M. D. Kidwell. *Lay:* W. E. Airhart, D. C. Moody, J. N. Funk, Mrs. D. C. Defoe, Mrs. C. H. Savage.

East Pennsylvania Conference

Ministerial: D. E. Young, C. A. Lynch, S. C. Enck, O. T. Ehrhart, H. F. Rhoad, H. E. Schaeffer, P. B. Gible, *H. E. Miller. *Lay:* A. C. Spangler, I. E. Shoop, *Park H. Fegley, Roy K. Garber, *A. E. Hershey, *J. Paul Rupp, F. C. Witmer, E. W. Coble.

Erie Conference

Ministerial: S. Paul Weaver, C. C. Grover, H. Ray Harris. *Lay:* B. F. Lind, F. D. Hickok, *Mrs. Rhea Moore.

Florida Conference

Ministerial: *J. Ralph Keene. *Lay:* B. E. Stall.

Illinois Conference

Ministerial: *George W. Bonebrake, Paul W. Milhouse, L. A. Whitesell, Oral F. Landis, L. L. Baughman, W. O. Simpson. *Lay:* Fred Whitesell, L. R. Moore, Elmer Main, L. A. Rider, C. C. Rose, George Bopp.

Indiana Conference

Ministerial: E. Craig Brandenburg, A. D. Smith, William T. Barker, J. A. Settle. *Lay:* *Miss Lois Grove, Ezra Moren, Mrs. Ruth Faith, John Myers.

Iowa Conference

Ministerial: G. E. MacCanon, *F. A. Riggs, H. V. Riggs. *Lay:* T. Ray Collins, John Hanson, Harry Young.

Kansas Conference

Ministerial: *A. R. Sweet, Harlan Thomas, C. V. Priddle, Raymond L. Cortner, A. L. Deever. *Lay:* Martin G. Miller, Lester Mellrose, C. E. Hadley, *W. H. Russell, O. K. Webster.

Miami Conference

Ministerial: Harvey C. Hahn, L. M. Hohn, J. P. Hendrix, Murn B. Klepinger, Harvey G. Clark, Roy D. Miller, William K. Messmer. *Lay:* Jesse Haines, Mrs. E. C. Petry, Harold Boda, Wesley O. Clark, L. C. Weimer, Miss Alice Bell, H. E. Myers.

Michigan Conference

Ministerial: J. F. Hatton, *I. E. Runk. *Lay:* *Fred P. Geib, D. C. Kennedy.

Minnesota Conference

Ministerial: V. E. Hilton. *Lay:* *M. V. Estermann.

Missouri Conference

Ministerial: C. H. Crandall, F. L. Courtney. *Lay:* *F. C. Wilson, L. M. Curts.

Montana Conference

Ministerial: G. K. Bergland. *Lay:* *W. J. Goldsmith.

Nebraska Conference

Ministerial: A. P. Vannice, Paul B. Porter. *Lay:* D. E. Weidler, Lyle Sheneyfelt.

Oklahoma Conference

Ministerial: A. E. Moore, Frank Cross. *Lay:* *Roy Bender, Mrs. Grant Bundy.

Oregon Conference

Ministerial: R. M. Hilton. *Lay:* Dewey H. Campbell.

Pennsylvania Conference

Ministerial: John H. Ness, Paul R. Koontz, Paul E. Holdcraft, F. Berry Plummer, *M. R. Fleming, Paul E. V. Shannon, Ira S. Ernst, Earl E. Reading. *Lay:* H. E. Sponseller, E. N. Funkhouser, *Walter R. Thomas, W. H. Clipping, R. G. Mowrey, Arthur S. Ziegler, Harry P. Kissinger, *Harold T. Lutz.

St. Joseph Conference

Ministerial: B. H. Cain, M. S. Livengood, Roscoe F. Wilson, C. A. Sickafoose, S. A. Wells, B. F. Smith. *Lay:* L. L. Huffman, Russell Creighton, Paul Bilby, *A. D. Hamilton, A. A. Thompson, *Ray Babcock.

Sandusky Conference

Ministerial: V. H. Allman, R. A. Powell, J. C. Searle, E. J. Haldeman, *L. E. Ames, *G. W. Lilly. *Lay:* C. E. Miller, E. T. Snyder, W. C. May, George South, F. C. Grandey, Noel Smith.

Southeast Ohio Conference

Ministerial: D. S. Mills, C. M. Bowman, *P. E. Wright, A. B. Cox, B. C. Rife, Spurgeon Metzler. *Lay:* *E. S. Neuding, C. D. Welty, E. C. Mignerey, Henry Green, J. F. Smith, *J. S. Cherrington.

Tennessee Conference

Ministerial: Dewey Whitwell, V. C. Adcock. *Lay:* E. M. Horner, E. H. Adcock.

Virginia Conference

Ministerial: J. Paul Gruver, C. W. Hiser, R. L. Brill, E. E. Miller, J. R. Collis. *Lay:* Homer Collis, *J. H. Ruebush, George N. Frye, W. L. Shepp, Glen W. Ruebush.

West Virginia Conference

Ministerial: E. Ray Cole, Ray N. Shaffer, T. L. Miles, F. H. Capehart, J. M. Knight, Fred Slaughter. *Lay:* *T. Clayton Parsons, *C. H. Shaffer, J. W. Ward, *John Evans, John A. Marshall, J. E. Gant.

White River Conference

Ministerial: Virgil G. Hunt, W. R. Montgomery, K. K. Merryman, Forest A. Reed, E. C. Miser, H. M. Cobb, Roy H. Turley. *Lay:* Ruth Asbury, Lavonna Bell, U. E. Bethel, *Joseph Wagner, Merle Whitesell, Evan R. Kek, Arthur Atwell.

Wisconsin Conference

Ministerial: E. C. Ward, George H. McAhren. *Lay:* *Freda Brice. *Charles Pugh.

Fraternal Delegates from abroad

China, Rev. Peter Wong; Japan, Rev. J. Edgar Knipp; Puerto Rico, Rev. Harry E. Zech; Africa, Rev. Richard Caulker; Philippine Islands, Rev. Carl Eschbach.

ALTERNATES SEATED**Ministerial**

<i>Conference</i>	<i>Name of Alternate</i>	<i>Serving in place of</i>
Allegheny	E. A. Schultz	W. H. Hayes
California	R. G. Trent	H. H. Heberly
East Ohio	Kenneth Hulit	M. D. Kidwell
East Pennsylvania	C. R. Beittel	H. E. Miller
Florida	N. H. MacAllister	J. R. Keene
Illinois	L. N. Main	G. W. Bonebrake
Iowa	C. L. Young	F. A. Riggs
Kansas	W. R. Holt	A. R. Sweet
Michigan	A. L. Spafford	I. E. Runk
Oregon	R. C. Mann	R. M. Hilton
Pennsylvania	Paul E. Cooper	M. R. Fleming
Sandusky	F. M. Bowman	L. E. Ames
Sandusky	D. D. Corl	G. W. Lilly
Southeast Ohio	C. F. Lutz	P. E. Wright

Lay

Allegheny	A. T. Sidaway	Mrs. Ella B. Black
Allegheny	Homer B. Kline	G. R. Funk
East Pennsylvania	Park F. Esbenshade	Park H. Fegley
East Pennsylvania	Boaz G. Light	A. E. Hershey
East Pennsylvania	Willis H. Fridinger	J. Paul Rupp
Erie	G. M. Thorp	Mrs. Rhea Moore
Indiana	Frank Hardy	Lois Grove
Kansas	V. L. Hall	W. H. Russell
Michigan	Leroy F. Howard	Fred P. Geib
Minnesota	C. C. Williams	M. V. Estermann
Missouri	James A. Noble	F. C. Wilson
Montana	O. W. Douglas	W. J. Goldsmith
Oklahoma	John A. Show	Roy Bender
Pennsylvania	J. W. Dougherty	Walter R. Thomas
Pennsylvania	Mrs. J. G. Mason	Harold T. Lutz
St. Joseph	C. H. Johnson	A. D. Hamilton
St. Joseph	A. D. Haley	Ray Babcock
Southeast Ohio	A. B. Jones	E. S. Neuding
Southeast Ohio	S. C. Conrad	J. S. Cherrington
Virginia	C. W. McGuire	J. H. Ruebush
West Virginia	J. B. Gant	T. Clayton Parsons
West Virginia	D. O. Reed	C. H. Shaffer
West Virginia	R. A. Moody	John A. Evans
White River	Marvin R. Bell	Joseph Wagner
Wisconsin	Fred O. Matthes	Freda Brice
Wisconsin	L. D. Fowell	Charles Pugh

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Atlantic Conference

Ministerial: F. W. Siebert, J. Wolf. *Lay*: C. H. Wintsch, T. G. Fischer.

California Conference

Ministerial: E. W. Matz, S. E. Schrader. *Lay*: W. C. Schmidt, Benjamin Weiss.

Canada Conference

Ministerial: H. A. Kellerman, J. B. Dengis, F. M. Faist, A. E. Pletch. *Lay*: M. F. Zurbrigg, Egbert Seegmiller, H. E. Ratz, L. H. Pletch.

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Ministerial: F. E. Remaly, R. O. Steely, N. L. Hummel, A. F. Weaver, J. H. Fleckenstine, *J. W. Krecker, W. E. Peffley, H. W. Heisley, *V. E. Miller, *A. C. Ruth, E. C. Basom. *Lay*: J. Britain Winter, P. G. Gilmore, W. J. Woods, Charles R. Harer, H. A. Ebert, W. J. R. Rein, J. L. Pandel, Paul J. Billet, W. F. Snelbaker, H. W. Shaffer, Ralph M. Ritter.

Colorado Conference

Ministerial: C. G. Bartsch, *W. C. Lasater. *Lay*: F. C. Grauburger, E. A. Sonnenberg.

China Conference

C. C. Talbott.

East Germany Conference

Ernest Pieper.

East Pennsylvania Conference

Ministerial: C. E. Kachel, O. A. Hyden, Paul Price, Paul R. Wert, J. A. Heck, *S. A. Sitler, E. M. Slichter, Raymond W. Albright. *Lay*: F. G. Bollman, R. S. Smethers, Sr., H. V. Masters, L. K. Stoner, W. A. Blessing, H. J. Christman, F. B. Ramer, J. R. Young.

Illinois Conference

Ministerial: I. L. Schweitzer, H. F. Siemsen, Wm. E. Grote, John F. Schaefer, D. R. Eder, E. M. Diener, Paul H. Eller, W. A. Stauffer, *E. E. Keiser. *Lay*: Walter Muller, E. J. G. Phillips, John Beckers, Edward F. Claus, Edward W. Plagge, Mrs. Edward Stukenberg, *Elmer Feik, C. J. Attig, Julius Nolting.

Indiana Conference

Ministerial: M. O. Herman, Geo. S. Lozier, *Harold Hazenfield, R. H. Mueller, Ralph M. Holdeman, A. H. Doescher, LeRoy Geiger. *Lay*: Elroy C. Faust, George St. Angelo, Sr., David Ramsey, H. P. Pawlisch, Clayton Thornton, William S. Wacker, Clarence E. Stein.

Iowa Conference

Ministerial: J. A. Haehlen, R. H. Aurand, I. L. Baumgartner, G. H. Bamford, L. B. Russell, W. B. Tarr, J. S. Deedrick. *Lay*: Stanton James, C. H. Faust, C. W. Miller, D. O. Kime, Sanford Anderson, L. A. Talbott, W. F. Haehlen.

Japan Conference

No Delegate.

Kansas Conference

Ministerial: E. E. Erffmeyer, H. H. Vogel, *C. L. Sorg, R. R. Schreiber, C. R. Findley, C. O. Bickel. *Lay*: K. B. Hobbs, C. H. Ewald, G. W. Blauch, J. H. Siebert, Henry Mugler, R. C. Browe.

Michigan Conference

Ministerial: W. H. Watson, W. Koteskey, E. S. Faust, F. W. Kirn, C. C. Gibson, H. I. Voelker, C. A. Parker, L. E. Chamberlain. *Lay*: E. E. Ludwig, Mose Braun, C. M. Cook, E. B. Breithaupt, D. W. Eckstein, G. A. Reamer, W. H. Bartz.

Minnesota Conference

Ministerial: D. C. Trapp, E. G. Moede, H. E. Mueller, J. G. Heidinger, H. E. Hiller, F. A. Spong. *Lay:* W. J. Schwen, Albert Dahlmeier, E. A. King, Burton Bauernfeind, J. C. Zehnder, Edward Moll.

Montana Conference

Ministerial: R. R. Strutz. *Lay:* R. J. Thornton.

Nebraska Conference

Ministerial: R. A. Heim, W. G. Rembolt, J. F. Wichelt, D. R. Roker, F. F. Gross. *Lay:* E. S. Wegner, B. E. Norenberg, H. T. Massie, George Remke, Don Asher.

New England Conference

Ministerial: A. Alton Dodge. *Lay:* L. I. Thompson.

New York Conference

Ministerial: M. E. Rickert, John D. Rein, L. W. Driftmyer. *Lay:* Ralph E. Smith, C. F. Koegebein, K. H. Osberg.

North Dakota Conference

Ministerial: A. G. Martin, C. F. Strutz. *Lay:* Victor Fisher, Alvin C. Strutz.

Northwest Canada Conference

Ministerial: W. W. Krueger. *Lay:* K. Volkman.

Ohio Conference

Ministerial: F. A. Firestone, C. L. Allen, E. E. Nietz, LeRoy Deininger, H. R. Heininger, Merle A. Hayes, H. E. Williamson, Victor H. Peterson, W. H. Herkner, H. M. Schadle. *Lay:* M. H. Clymer, A. E. Leedy, H. J. Fromm, Edwin Heine, E. C. George, *E. B. Heisel, E. F. Stephen, H. E. Kiess, C. J. Theuer, T. A. Kaatz.

Oregon-Washington Conference

Ministerial: C. P. Gates, Paul P. Petticord, Lytle H. Willard, Dean L. Vermillion, A. L. Lonsberry, V. T. Speece. *Lay:* Walter Lamkin, A. D. Campbell, Hugo Schulz, J. L. Napier, E. E. Agee, F. E. McCutcheon.

Pittsburgh Conference

Ministerial: C. E. Servey, H. W. Kaebnick, B. E. Coleman, G. K. Hetrick, *C. W. Winch, N. C. Milliron. *Lay:* George F. Wright, J. W. Everett, R. P. Steel, Harry Blanset, *H. C. George, Ford Kinsey.

South Dakota Conference

Ministerial: C. M. Bergland, Robert Feind. *Lay:* Marvin Luckow, Otto Krueger.

South Germany Conference

Richard Leger.

Switzerland Conference

Frederick Gloor.

Texas Conference

Ministerial: Paul R. Servey. *Lay:* A. M. Haak.

West Germany Conference

Otto Haenisch.

Wisconsin Conference

Ministerial: M. N. Berger, F. E. Schlueter, *Harry E. Krug, Wm. C. F. Hayes, M. A. Simonsen, P. A. Lambrecht, H. L. Orians, F. A. Trautman. *Lay:* H. A. F. Schultz, E. H. Miller, John Trautman, E. O. Kohls, Harold Bartel, W. D. Kline, Irene Haumersén, Albert Myers.

ALTERNATES SEATED**Ministerial and Lay**

<i>Conference</i>	<i>Name of Alternate</i>	<i>Serving in Place of</i>
Central Pennsylvania	F. H. Sanders	V. E. Miller
Central Pennsylvania	J. F. Diehl	A. C. Ruth
Central Pennsylvania	G. C. Gabriel	J. W. Kreckler
Colorado	O. L. Grauberger	W. C. Lasater
East Pennsylvania	J. F. Gross	S. A. Sitler
Illinois	Paul Washburn	E. E. Keiser
Illinois	A. L. Tholin	Elmer Feik
Indiana	O. D. Wissler	H. H. Hazenfield
Kansas	C. H. Reep	C. L. Sorg
Ohio	C. C. Vandersall	E. B. Heisel
Pittsburgh	J. D. Hammer	C. W. Winch
Pittsburgh	J. J. Hauser	H. C. George
Wisconsin	John W. Bartel	Harry E. Krug

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COMMITTEES**of the****First Session of the General Conference****The Evangelical United Brethren Church**

(Note: Special effort has been made to list the following General Conference Committees in correct form and in harmony with the actions of the General Conference but, since there were several sources from which changes and corrections had to be secured, there still may be some errors in the listings which we have not been able to discover.—Editors)

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THE FUNCTIONS OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

To expedite the business of the General Conference, the following committees, as provided by the Discipline, upon the nomination of the Board of Bishops shall be appointed by the General Conference. The duties of the several committees shall consist of the following assignments.

The General Conference may at any time, give special assignments (in addition to those cited) or directives to these standing committees. It may also appoint special committees as its business may require.

Committee on Worship

The functions of this committee shall be to make assignment of ministers to serve in various pulpits on General Conference Sunday; to arrange for special musical numbers at the meetings of the General Conference, as may be requested and to provide, together with the local committee on arrangements, the places of meeting for all special services of the General Conference.

Committee on Proceedings of the Annual Conferences

The official minutes (printed Journals) of each Annual Conference, for the quadrennium, bound in one volume, shall be presented to the General Conference.

It shall be the duty of this committee to examine the record of the proceedings of the Annual Conferences, report upon the legality of the acts of the Annual Conferences, and if found in conformity with the Discipline and the rules of the General Conference, recommend the approval of the same.

The committee shall in like manner deal with the record of the proceedings of the Central Conference for Europe and the Reichs Conference for Germany.

Committee on Letters and Documents

It shall be the function of this committee to receive all communications addressed to the General Conference, review their contents and determine the time and manner of their presentation.

Committee on Episcopacy

The functions of this committee shall include the following: It shall review the proceedings of the Board of Bishops; recommend the action to be taken upon all interpretations of law made by the Board of Bishops during the quadrennium; recommend the number of Bishops to be elected, the number and boundaries of the Episcopal Areas; and how the bishops shall be stationed in these areas.

The committee shall bring recommendations concerning salary, office secretarial allowance, rent or housing, moving expenses of the bishops; the superannuation of bishops by reason of age or disability, and matters pertaining to the granting of the honorary title—Bishop Emeritus.

Committee on Legislation

The duties of this committee shall include the formulation of the business rules and other regulations of the General Conference to govern its procedures; the validation of credentials and the seating of delegates; the consideration of all proposed legislation that is intended to amend, modify or alter in any way the Constitutional Law, Temporal Economy, Rituals and Formulas of the Discipline of the Evangelical United Brethren Church.

It shall recommend to the General Conference for adoption such laws, regulations and ordinances as it deems best to govern the life and practice of the Church.

It shall in case of such reference, pass upon the legality of the acts of all general Boards, Societies, Commissions and Agencies of the Church.

Committee on Boundaries

This committee shall consider all issues and make recommendations concerning the status and classification, change of boundaries and union of Annual Conferences, Overseas Conferences and Mission Conferences.

Committee on Ways and Means

The functions of this committee shall include the formulation of the general administrative policies of the General Conference and the consideration of all memorials and recommendations relating thereto.

It shall bring all recommendations concerning all proposals for the authorization of special, church-wide financial campaigns; the salaries, rent allowances, moving expenses and retirement allowances of General Church Officers and matters pertaining to denominational property, and with matters of dispute between Annual Conferences, Boards and Agencies of the Church, that relate to administration and finance.

Committee on Statistics

The duties of this committee shall include the consideration of all matters pertaining to the quadrennial report of the General Statistician; the formulation and recommendation for use of all statistical report blanks for the quadrennium; the compilation for General church purposes of statistical data in the Departments, Agencies and Institutions and Annual Conferences of the Church.

Committee on Proceedings of Council of Administration

This committee shall review the proceedings of the General Council of Administration, the record of the Board of Trustees of The Evangelical United Brethren Church and if in conformity with the Discipline and the rules of the General Conference, recommend ratification thereof. All matters relating to Christian stewardship, General church program, to come before the General Conference, shall be dealt with by this committee.

Committee on Missions and Church Extension

It shall be the responsibility of this committee to examine the record of the proceedings of the Board of Missions; to give careful consideration to all references relating to the promotion, expansion and conduct of Missions and Church Extension in the denomination and the development of the several departments of the Board of Missions and the agencies and auxiliaries thereof, and to bring recommendations concerning the same.

Committee on Publishing Interests

The duties of this committee shall include the examination of the record of the proceedings of the Board of Publication of The Evangelical United Brethren Church; The Otterbein Press; The Printing Establishment of The United Brethren in Christ; and the Board of Publication of the Evangelical Church.

The committee shall consider and bring recommendations pertaining to the publication of our Church literature and the conduct of the publishing interests of the Church.

Committee on Benevolent Institutions

The functions of this committee shall include the examination of the quadrennial reports of all the benevolent institutions (home and orphanages) and the status of such institutions.

All memorials regarding such institutions, addressed to the General Conference, together with all proposals relating thereto, their location, number, administration, financial plans and buildings, assignment of Conference areas of support—shall be considered and recommendations brought by this committee.

Committee on Christian Social Action

This committee shall review the record of the proceedings and the quadrennial report of the Commission on Christian Social Action and make recommendations to the General Conference thereon.

All matters of pronouncement in the field of Christian Social Action by the General Conference, shall be formulated by this committee.

Committee on Evangelism

The functions of this committee include the consideration of the proceedings and the Quadrennial Report of the Commission on Evangelism.

All proposals pertaining to the work of the General Commission on Evangelism and the work of Evangelism in the denomination shall be studied by this committee for recommendation to the General Conference.

Committee on Memorials

This committee shall compile the memorial report of the General Conference and have charge of the memorial service. It shall include in its report the passing during the quadrennium of bishops, general officers, heads of institutions, and members of previous sessions of the general conferences.

Committee on Ministerial Pensions and Superannuation Fund

The functions of this committee shall include the examination of the record of the proceedings and the quadrennial report of the Board of Pensions, and the consideration of all recommendations pertaining to ministerial and lay employee's pension in The Evangelical United Brethren Church.

Committee on Church Federation and Union

The duties of this committee shall include the examination of the record of the proceedings of the General Commission on Church Federation and Union, and the consideration of its quadrennial report and its recommendations to the General Conference.

The committee shall give attention to and bring recommendations concerning all matters of interdenominational relationships, federation and union, and the denomination's membership in and relation to the several recognized interdenominational and ecumenical agencies such as the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America and the World Council of Churches.

Committee on Resolutions

This committee shall have as its major responsibility the formulation of all resolutions in recognition of service rendered the General Conference and the Church by its officers, special speakers, the entertaining churches, the public press, and by civic and other organizations.

Committee on Nominations

This committee shall give careful consideration to the constitutional, charter provisions as well as Disciplinary and General Conference provisions and regulations, regarding the several Boards, Institutions, Commissions, Agencies and Committees for which the General Conference is to elect or appoint trustees, board members and or commission and committee members and representatives.

It shall recommend for election by the General Conference the requisite number of persons to the General Church Trustees, the General Council of Administration, the Board of Publication and its subsidiary corporations, the Board of Missions, the Board of Christian Education, the Bonebrake Theological Seminary, the several Boards of Trustees of Homes and Orphanages, not otherwise provided; the Commission on Church Federation and Union, and any others for which the General Conference holds responsibility.

Committee on Finance

This committee shall deal with all matters relating to General Conference finance, such as the regulation of accounting, audit and distribution of delegates' expense accounts, funds, offerings received at General Conference, special speakers' expenses and honorariums.

Appeals for the authorization of financial campaigns for various general church institutions and agencies shall be referred to this committee.

Committee on Christian Education

It shall be the duty of this committee to give consideration to the minutes of the proceedings of the Board of Christian Education, the Sunday School

and Tract Society and the quadrennial report of these boards; the quadrennial reports of the colleges and seminaries amenable to the General Conference; matters pertaining to the course of study for junior preachers; and to give consideration to all memorials addressed to the General Conference, in the field of Christian education, the educational institutions.

THE JOINT BOARD OF BISHOPS

GENERAL CONFERENCE TELLERS

From the United Brethren Group—*Group One:* O. T. Ehrhart, *Chairman*; E. T. Snyder, W. H. Barker, E. H. Adcock, D. W. Hummel, M. G. Miller, B. F. Smith, C. W. Hiser, Murn B. Klepinger, Maurice Esterman, L. M. Curts, G. K. Bergland. *Group Two:* K. K. Merryman, *Chairman*; Henry Green, Paul Milhouse, J. N. Funk, H. M. Cobb, Frank Cross, Dewey H. Campbell, John A. Marshall, T. Ray Collins, Mrs. Rhea Moore, Roy D. Miller, H. E. Sponseller. *Group Three:* Lloyd C. Nichols, *Chairman*; A. Byron Fulton, E. C. Ward, Noel Smith, Paul Porter, M. R. Fleming, D. N. Kennedy, F. C. Witmer, Robert E. Airhart, Fred Whitesell, Floyd B. LaFavre, C. D. Welty.

From the Evangelical Group—E. W. Matz, *Chief Teller*. *Group One:* F. M. Faist, F. C. Grauberger, C. R. Harer, Stanton James, Ford Kinsey, Paul Price, D. R. Roker, R. R. Strutz. *Group Two:* J. S. Deedrick, Sanford Anderson, Burton Bauernfeind, H. W. Heisley, C. W. Miller, C. A. Parker, C. E. Stein, Lyle Willard. *Group Three:* A. A. Dodge, Robert Feind, Walter Lamkin, Harry Blanset, John Rein, George Remke, F. A. Spong, R. P. Steele.

RULES OF ORDER

FOR THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH

November 16-21, 1946

Organization

1. When the General Conference has convened in accordance with the provisions of the Discipline, after devotional exercises, and calling of the roll, if a quorum is present, it shall proceed to organize by the election by ballot of a recording secretary and a reading secretary.

Chairman

2. The Bishops shall serve in turn as chairmen, as arranged by the Board of Bishops.

3. The Chairman shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Conference. In case such appeal relates simply to decorum, or to transgression of the rules of speaking, or to priority of business, or if made during a division of the assembly, or while the previous question is ordered or pending, or while the immediately pending question is undebatable, the vote shall be taken without debate; however, the Chairman always shall have the right to state the reasons for his decision.

Order of Business

4. The order of business shall be in accordance with the agenda as prepared by the Board of Bishops and as adopted by the General Conference.

Duties and Privileges of Members

5. When a member of the General Conference is about to speak in debate, or to bring any matter before the Conference, he shall rise in his place, respectfully address the Chair, announce his own name and conference, but shall not proceed until recognized by the Chair and has been assigned the floor. The Chairman shall announce distinctly to the Conference the name of the person to whom the floor is assigned.

6. No member shall be interrupted when speaking, except by the Chairman to call him to order, when he departs from the question; but any member may call the attention of the Chair to the subject when he deems a speaker out of order; and any member may explain when he thinks himself misrepresented, the speaker holding the floor.

7. When a member desires to speak to a question of privilege, he shall state the question, but he shall not proceed until the Chairman shall have decided it to be a privileged question.

8. No member shall speak more than once on the same question until every member choosing to speak shall have spoken, nor more than five minutes at one time without leave of the Conference; provided, however, that a committee making a report shall in all cases, through its chairman, be entitled to ten minutes to close the debate, either to oppose the motion to lay the report on the table, or to close the debate on a motion to adopt, or to close the debate even after the previous question has been ordered.

9. No member shall absent himself from the meetings of the Conference, unless he is sick or otherwise unable to attend, or unless excused by the Conference.

Memorials

10. Those presenting memorials, petitions, or other papers of reference, after reading the texts or titles shall deliver six copies of said documents to the reading secretary, who shall in turn deliver same to committees as designated by the Chair.

Committees

11. All standing committees shall be appointed by the General Conference upon nomination by the Board of Bishops. Special committees shall be appointed by the Board of Bishops, or as directed by the General Conference.

12. A committee on Rules of Order and Credentials shall be created, to which any question with reference to the seating of a delegate or an alternate shall be referred for consideration and recommendation.

Motions and Resolutions

13. Six copies of all resolutions, motions, and amendments, shall be presented by the mover to the reading secretary, except motions pertaining to routine business. Whenever any such item is referred to a committee, the reading secretary shall deliver said copies to said committee.

14. All reports, resolutions, and written motions, after the first reading, shall be passed to the reading secretary, to be read by him as the Conference may require.

15. When a report is presented and read, or stated by the Chairman, or a resolution is introduced and seconded, or a motion is made and seconded, and stated by the Chair, it shall be deemed in possession of the Conference; however, any motion or resolution, by consent of the Conference, may be withdrawn or modified by the mover, at any time prior to decision or amendment.

16. No motion or resolution shall be made until the one under consideration shall have been disposed of, which may be done by adoption or rejection, unless one of the following motions shall intervene, which motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are here placed, namely: To adjourn; To lay on the table; The previous question; To limit, or to extend the limits of debate; To postpone to a certain day; To refer to a committee; To amend; To postpone indefinitely.

Changes of Discipline

17. No resolution, or report, which proposes a change in the Discipline, shall be considered until it has been in the possession of the General Conference for twenty-four hours; but when it is under consideration, amendments which are germane and duly presented, shall be in order.

18. All reports or resolutions proposing changes in Discipline shall not only recite the paragraph and line to be amended, but also the paragraph as it will read when amended.

Nominations

*19. There shall be nominated for church boards twice as many persons as are to be elected, and as far as practicable the nominees shall be selected from different sections of the Church.

Reports

20. Committees shall report as recommendations of said committees only such items as have been considered and acted upon by the committees duly assembled. A majority of its members shall constitute a business quorum of any committee.

21. Committees shall consider and report on all matters referred to them by the General Conference. They shall not originate business, nor consider matters which the General Conference has refused to refer to them.

*22. Copies of the reports of all standing committees shall be made in sufficient quantity to supply every member of the Conference with a copy of each report, in addition to the six copies required by the reading secretary. This rule shall be in force in all cases except when the General Conference shall order otherwise.

Voting

23. Every member who is within the bar at the time a question is put, shall vote, unless the Conference for special reasons, excuses him.

24. No member shall be allowed to vote on a question, who is not in his seat at the time such question is put by the Chair, except by permission of the Conference.

25. Voting shall be by the uplifted hand; but on a division of the house, the delegates shall rise in their places, and stand until they have been counted. Votes also may be taken by ballot, and by roll call with response by ayes or noes.

Special Voting

26. A majority, by motion, may order a particular vote to be counted, or to be taken by ayes and noes, or to be taken by ballot; such motion shall be put without debate. When a vote has been ordered to be taken by ayes and noes, the recording secretary shall call the roll, and each member, as his name is called, shall rise and without debate answer "Aye" or "No" and the secretary (recording) shall record his answer.

Registering Protest

27. If at any time one or more members protest against any action taken by the General Conference, their names, upon their request, shall be entered upon the journal of said Conference as protesting such action. By consent of one-third of the members of the Conference, they may also spread the reasons for their protest upon the journal. The Conference also shall have the right to spread upon the journal the reasons for taking the action thus protested.

Miscellaneous

28. Demonstration of approval or disapproval during the progress of debate shall be deemed a breach of order.

29. The ushers shall keep the aisles clear for their proper use, and none but delegates, pages, and ushers shall be admitted within the enclosure reserved for delegates.

30. Reports of Boards and Agencies shall be printed and made available to the delegates in advance of the convening of the General Conference, and their public presentation shall be limited to ten minutes.

31. Reports of all committees should be given by their chairmen, rather than by their secretaries.

32. Before each adjournment an opportunity shall be given for committee announcements. The Reading Secretary shall call the roll of committees, and the chairmen of the committees, as called, shall rise and make proper announcements.

33. In all matters not included in these rules, the General Conference shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order (Revised).

THE JOINT BOARD OF BISHOPS
THE JOINT COMMISSIONS ON UNION

*During the first session of the General Conference, it was agreed that rules 19 and 22 would need to have liberal interpretation and application by committees in preparing and presenting their reports to the General Conference. (See pages 24 to 26 of the Stenographic Record.)

The Editorial Committee

Part II

RECORDING SECRETARY'S JOURNAL

NOTE: All paragraph numbers mentioned in the following pages of this record, including reports, refer to the 1942 edition of the Discipline.—Editors.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIRST GENERAL CONFERENCE

THE EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH

And in sequence of history of the two former denominations,
it shall be known as the Thirty-sixth General Conference

Recording Secretary's Journal

FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION

November 16, 1946

Bishop A. R. Clippinger, D.D., Presiding

On November 16, 1946, at 9:00 a. m., a great host of Evangelical United Brethren delegates, members and friends of the Church gathered from far and near, filling to overflowing the First United Brethren Church of Johnstown, Pennsylvania, for the long awaited event of the uniting of the Evangelical Church and the Church of the United Brethren in Christ into The Evangelical United Brethren Church.

The organ prelude was played by Horace B. Stokes, and the Rev. R. C. Upson led the congregation in singing until the hour of 9:00 a. m., when the service went on the air over Station WJAC.

The processional hymn, "Lead On, O King Eternal," was sung as the bishops entered the sanctuary and marched to the chancel of the church, where the Senior Bishops, as representatives of the two churches, clasped hands in fellowship and union.

Bishop John S. Stamm, D.D., LL.D., Senior Bishop of the Evangelical Church, introduced the service of Union as follows: "To the members of the General Conference of The Evangelical United Brethren Church, to the host of visitors present, and the many radio listeners, we extend a hearty welcome to share in this eventful gathering. This service is the official consummation of the organic union of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ and the Evangelical Church. The service is being held in the First United Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pennsylvania; Bishop A. R. Clippinger, Senior Bishop of the United Brethren Church is the presiding officer. The church is filled to capacity with eager and joyful participants. On the platform are the nine active and the two superannuated bishops of these uniting churches. Delegates from the fifty-two conferences in the United States and Canada are in their assigned places. There are also representatives present from Switzerland, Africa, China, Japan, the Philippines, and from Puerto Rico. There are also visitors present from several of the home mission fields.

"Both of these churches had their beginning in the state of Pennsylvania. Both have a large membership and many churches and church institutions in the state. Both have shared, and today share largely in the religious thought and life of this state. Both churches have voted favorably upon this union with large majorities, in many instances voting unanimously. Both churches are now waiting eagerly to hear the Declaration of Union, which will be read in this service, and are already planning a great united spiritual advance. This union marks another step forward in the unification of Protestant churches in America.

"I now present the chairman, Bishop A. R. Clippinger."

Bishop A. R. Clippinger, D.D., LL.D., the chairman of the meeting of the morning, led the Conference in an uplifting service of worship in which praise and thanksgiving were offered to God, and all present were made to

think of Christian unity and the Church's One Foundation, concluding with an expression of Christian faith through the Apostle's Creed.

(See page 13)

Following the responsive service of worship, Bishop A. R. Clippinger read the Declaration of Union.

(See page 15)

The large concourse of people stood and sang with deep emotion the hymn, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds Our Hearts in Christian Love," after which the chairman pronounced the benediction concluding the service of worship and Union.

Organization of Conference

The membership of the General Conference was established as the secretaries of the two former General Conferences read the roll of Ministerial and Lay delegates.

(See pages 18-23)

Upon motion of Dr. J. D. Good, the host-pastor, supported by Rev. Carl Hiser, it was voted that the pews of the main auditorium constitute the Conference Bar and that the seating of the delegations be as indicated by the printed placards.

The Chair announced that the gavel used in the morning meeting was presented to Conference and has historic significance. Dr. L. M. Hohn of Miami Conference was the maker and donor of the gavel. It was announced that this gavel will be placed in the historic archives of the Church.

The General Officers of the church stood and were recognized and were accorded seats in a reserved section.

Floral Tribute to Bishop Maze

Bishop C. H. Stauffacher asked for special privilege and stated that while many hearts around the world were beating a little faster because of this day and the significant service of Union, he was sure that there was a heavenly interest in that there were those gone to their heavenly reward who had a significant place in the preparation of the way for what has taken place today. He spoke of the significant part played by the sainted Bishop M. T. Maze of the former Evangelical Church, whose birthday was on this date. In honor and memory of him a beautiful bouquet was presented by his former pastor, Rev. Richard A. Heim, a conference superintendent of the Nebraska Conference, in behalf of Mrs. Maze and family. It was voted, upon motion by Bishop Warner, supported by Paul Porter of Nebraska, that the secretary of conference send words of greeting and express appreciation for this floral tribute. Bishop A. R. Clippinger spoke words of appreciation, reminding us of the 1933 Akron, Ohio, United Brethren General Conference, in which Bishop Maze made definite overtures to the United Brethren Church on behalf of the Evangelical Church for union.

Resolution

Dr. H. A. Kellerman of Canada, co-chairman of Committee on Resolutions, read a resolution relative to the organic union of the two former churches thus producing The Evangelical United Brethren Church.

Upon motion by H. A. Kellerman supported by V. C. Adcock, the resolution was unanimously adopted.

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Program and Agenda

Upon motion of L. L. Huffman and seconded by R. L. Brill, the General Conference voted that the program in the hands of the members of Conference constitute the agenda of this session of the General Conference.

(See pages 6-12)

Rules of Order

Upon motion of V. H. Allman and seconded by F. B. LaFavre, it was voted that the Rules of Order printed in the "White Book" be adopted with the exception of Rule 19, which of necessity will need to be lifted during this session.

(See pages 31-33)

The interpreter, Rev. F. W. Siebert, of the Atlantic Conference, interpreter for Rev. F. Gloor, the Swiss delegate, was granted the privilege to sit with the Swiss delegate Reverend Mr. Gloor.

Ballot for Recording Secretary

Ballots for the Recording Secretary were distributed with the understanding that upon the election of the Recording Secretary the Reading Secretary should be elected from the other former denomination.

Official Reporters

Upon motion by Ralph E. Smith seconded by Elroy C. Faust, it was voted that Dr. Raymond M. Veh and Dr. Wade S. Miller be the official reporters of this conference.

Standing Committees

Upon motion of E. C. Brandenburg and supported by H. H. Vogel it was voted that the list of standing committees, as given on pages 23-29 of the "White Book" be referred to the bishops for revision and equalization of the number of members from each former church on a committee.

(See pages 23-27)

F. Berry Plummer was granted the floor to make a personal statement of his confidence in the success of this union, now consummated.

Communications

Communications were read by Secretary Paul Koontz from the following persons and ordered placed on file; from Chaplain R. F. Joop (on official leave), Danville, Illinois; Dr. C. W. Shoop, Canton, China, missionary; Ray F. Magnuson, Lincoln, Nebraska, for the Methodist Rural Fellowship in annual meeting; J. F. Musselman, missionary, Sierra Leone, Africa; thirty-nine Evangelical United Brethren pastors at National Town and Country Life Convention, Des Moines, Iowa, recommending the establishment of a Rural Life Fellowship and a full-time Director of Rural Life; Dr. O. G. Fonceca, superintendent of Evangelical Church in the Philippines; Wynn C. Fairfield of the Foreign Missions Council of North America; Dr. Gerald E. Knoff of the International Council of Religious Education; Dr. Reinhold Kuecklich, Reutlingen, Germany.

(See pages 367-370)

The Bonebrake Theological Seminary Chorus again favored the conference with music, singing three numbers. Doctor Heininger, president of the Evangelical Theological Seminary, moved that the Conference express appreciation for the presence and singing of these young men preparing for the ministry, and that the Committee on Resolutions make proper minute of same. This motion was unanimously adopted.

Election of Recording Secretary

O. T. Ehrhart, reporting for the tellers, announced 458 ballots cast for Recording Secretary; necessary for election, 230. I. L. Schweitzer having received a majority of votes cast was declared by the chairman to have been elected. After the chairman announced that, according to previous agreement, the Reading Secretary should be elected from the membership of the former United Brethren Church, a ballot was taken for the Reading Secretary.

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Conference adjourned for the service of Communion. The chorus of the Pennsylvania Conference (UB) sang in closing this part of the morning session.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Under the direction of Bishop Ira D. Warner, as the celebrant, a very gracious and uplifting service of worship was held and the Lord's Supper was observed, with Bishop John S. Stamm bringing the communion meditation, using as the scriptural basis for his message I Corinthians 15:3, "For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received how that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures," and I Corinthians

11:26, "For as often as ye eat this bread and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till he come."

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The Communion Address was delivered by Bishop John S. Stamm.

(See pages 70-72)

Bishop C. H. Stauffacher led in the closing prayer, concluding the morning service.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

November 16, 1946

Bishop John S. Stamm, D.D., Presiding

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 o'clock with Bishop John S. Stamm as presiding officer.

The chairman announced that the gavel he was using was the same gavel that was used in the historic General Conference at Detroit, Michigan, in 1922, when the former Evangelical Association and the former United Evangelical Church became the Evangelical Church. The use of the gavel was made possible through the courtesy of Mrs. M. T. Maze and daughter.

The theme of the afternoon period of devotion was "United in Christ." The Scripture lesson was read by Dr. David E. Young of the East Pennsylvania Conference (UB), who read John 17:14-26, after which Dr. William E. Grote of the Illinois Conference (Ev) led in the prayer. The Ohio Conference (Ev) Men's Chorus sang, "My Anchor Holds."

Roll Call

(Cards prepared for the calling of the roll of the Conference which, upon being distributed, were to be properly marked.)

Episcopal Address

The chairman announced that the Board of Bishops had selected Bishop A. R. Clippinger to read the Episcopal Address, copies of which were distributed to the delegates. Before the Bishop read, he announced that the beautiful bouquet of red roses placed on the table were from his son. The Secretary's minutes record this loving gesture as "A bouquet of roses from a respected son to a distinguished father."

The comprehensive statement comprising the Episcopal Message was, upon motion of F. B. LaFavre, seconded by A. H. Doescher referred to the Committee on Episcopacy for suitable minute and such sections as were deemed necessary on the part of Bishop Clippinger were referred to proper committees.

(See pages 73-81)

The hymn, "Faith of Our Fathers" was then sung.

Election of Reading Secretary

Announcement of the Ballot for Reading Secretary revealed that Dr. Paul R. Koontz had received the vast majority of votes. The Chairman declared that Paul R. Koontz had been elected the Reading Secretary.

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Church Interests Presented

Dr. L. L. Huffman, Publishing Agent of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ made a brief presentation of the Otterbein Press, Dayton, Ohio. Before giving his report, Doctor Huffman had distributed to all former Evangelical delegates a souvenir report of the Otterbein Press entitled "Milestones on the Highway of Service."

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Mr. R. H. Stetler, Publisher for the Evangelical Church, gave a summary report of the Evangelical Publishing House located at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

(See page 109)

Rev. F. Gloor, Publisher from Berne, Switzerland, presented the Publishing Interests of the Swiss Conference, with Rev. F. W. Siebert, serving as interpreter.

(See page 110)

Bishop George E. Epp reported on the status of the Publishing House at Stuttgart, Germany.

(See page 111)

These addresses were received with interest and it was moved by F. A. Firestone and seconded by Earl E. Redding that the reports of our Publishers be referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests.

The Ministers' Chorus of the Ohio Conference (Ev) sang an uplifting anthem entitled "Thanks Be to God."

A Reference

Bishop Ira D. Warner brought to the attention of the Conference the matter of the election of bishops and in order that such election could take place early in the week, it was voted on motion by M. A. Simonsen and seconded by W. R. Montgomery that this matter be referred to the Committee on Episcopacy.

Church Interests Presented

Dr. W. E. Snyder, editor of *The Religious Telescope*, serving for the past twenty-five and a half years as associate and editor, spoke, interpreting the place of this periodical in the life of the church.

(See page 112)

Dr. Edwin G. Frye for the past thirty years associate and editor of *The Evangelical-Messenger* spoke with regard to his work with this church periodical, and introduced the newly elected editor, Dr. J. W. Kreckler.

(See page 113)

Dr. E. E. Harris for twenty years editor of *The Watchword*, presented the message in regard to this official organ of the youth of the Church.

(See page 114)

Dr. Raymond M. Veh, for nineteen years editor of *The Evangelical Crusader*, spoke concerning the interest of this paper and its service to the youth of the Church.

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These messages were listened to with keen interest and upon motion of H. A. Kellerman, seconded by Dewey H. Campbell were referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests.

Rule Suspended

Bishop George E. Epp pointed out the necessity of suspending Rule 19 with regard to nominations, in order that six nominees from each former church, in accordance with the action of the Committee of 18 to be elected to the Council of the Women's Society of World Service and to membership on the Board of Missions, can be presented and elected.

It was voted on motion of H. F. Schultz, seconded by F. A. Trautman that Rule 19 be and is hereby suspended in this instance.

Election of Members of Women's Council

The twelve nominees were presented for election as members of the Women's Council and to membership in the Board of Missions.

Upon motion of Paul B. Porter and seconded by R. L. Brill, these nominees presented were elected as members of the Women's Council and to membership in the Board of Missions.

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It was voted upon motion by Bishop C. H. Stauffacher and seconded by E. Craig Brandenburg that the time of the daily meetings, unless ordered otherwise, shall be from 9:00 to 11:30 a. m.; from 2:30 to 5:00 p. m.; and from 7:30 to 9:00 p. m.

John H. Ness made reference to a poem composed by J. H. Schmitt, for the occasion of union. It was agreed that this poem be read in the closing moments of this afternoon's session.

References

In reference to a suggestion and invitation from the Congregational and Christian Churches to all like minded denominations to co-operate in a possible called fellowship the matter was, upon motion of R. W. Albright and R. A. Heim, referred to the Committee on Church Federation and Union.

The secretary of the General Conference of the Evangelical Church, I. L. Schweitzer, presented on behalf of said conference references which were made to the following committees:

Publishing Interests re—Church Hymnal, Bookstore on West Coast, and Ministers' magazine.

**Committee on Statistics* re—certain matters concerning report blanks.

**Ministerial Pension* re—increase in contributions, retirement age, actuarial counsel, and other items pertaining to Pension Fund.

Missions and Church Extension re—Larger loans for churches, financial planning, Architectural program, and other items pertaining to church extension.

Missions and Church Extension re—The salaries of Executive Secretary and Associate and honorariums of the Womens' Society of World Service.

Church Federation and Union re—Canada conference and possible union with the United Church of Canada.

To Committee on Boundaries re—Merging of Montana conference (UB) and (Ev) and the Oregon (UB) with Oregon-Washington (Ev) Conference, and the matter of Washington Baltimore unification program.

To the Committee on Christian Education re—Bible Schools, Visual Education, and several other recommendations.

To the Historical Society re—Observance of an anniversary, and local church names.

To Benevolent Institutions re—The matter of the training of young women for Christian service.

To the Committee on Ways and Means and Statistics by Dr. A. F. Weaver, re—The Spiritual Aims, and the Missions and Benevolence Budget.

(See pages 263-269)

*No copy of these references were found by the editors. Examine reports of committees for matters involved.

A Reference

To the Committee on Christian Education. On motion by C. R. Findley and seconded by W. R. Montgomery, the matter of proper pronunciation of name of The Evangelical United Brethren Church was referred.

(See page 263)

Appointment of Assistant Secretary

Dr. D. T. Gregory was appointed to serve as Assistant Recording Secretary.

A Reference

Bishop G. E. Epp called attention to the reports, recommendations, etc., of committees, commissions and boards in the General Conference Volume (White Book) containing matters that need conference consideration. With the exception of the report of the Commission on Church Federation and Union, by order of conference, these reports were referred to the proper committees for consideration and recommendation.

(See pages 171-248)

The Reading Secretary read the poem on Church Union written by J. H. Schmitt.

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Upon motion adjournment was voted. Bishop G. D. Batdorf led in the closing prayer.

FIRST DAY—EVENING SESSION**November 16, 1946****Bishop Ira D. Warner, D.D., Presiding**

Bishop Ira D. Warner was in the chair and called the conference to order at 7:30 o'clock. Rev. Ray Upson announced and led the singing of the hymn, "Day Is Dying in the West."

Dr. C. E. Kachel of the East Pennsylvania Conference (Ev) read the Scriptures as recorded in Joshua 1:6-9; 3:1-6, after which Dr. S. Paul Weaver of the Erie Conference (UB) led the Conference to the Throne of Grace in prayer.

Roll Call

It was stated that in the calling of the roll a card system was to be used and, inasmuch as the cards were not completed and distributed for this meeting, upon motion of R. M. Hilton, seconded by O. W. Douglas, it was voted that the properly designated member of each delegation shall note the roll for this evening and make proper record on Monday when cards are in the hands of delegations.

Privilege was granted to the Committee on Nominations to withdraw and be properly credited as present in the evening meeting. Permission was granted to Dr. J. W. Krecker, editor of the Evangelical-Messenger, to sit at the table of editorial reporters.

The Gospel Gleemen of the Oregon-Washington Conference (Ev) favored the conference with several inspiring selections.

Greetings were expressed to and a warm welcome accorded this Conference by The Evangelical United Brethren Ministerium of Johnstown through its president, Rev. Harry G. Paul; by the City Ministerium through Rev. Harold L. Rowe, and by the Pennsylvania Council of Churches through the Executive Secretary, Dr. Ivan M. Gould. In each instance these men assured the Conference of their good wishes and a real welcome to this city and state. Dr. Clyde A. Lynch, president of Lebanon Valley College made a very carefully prepared response, voicing most adequately the appreciation of the Conference for the greetings and the welcome conveyed in the messages of the representatives who had spoken. Upon motion these greetings and welcomes were referred to the Committee on Resolution.

(See pages 81-85)

An offering was received for the host church.

Church Interests Presented

The interests of Missions and Church Extension were set forth in the four presentations of the evening.

Dr. S. G. Ziegler, secretary of the Foreign Missionary Society, in a very practical message interpreted the work in the five areas of the former United Brethren Church.

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Dr. Carl Heinmiller, speaking in behalf of the Missionary Society of the former Evangelical Church set out the salient facts with regard to the large task, as well as the splendid financial support given the missionary work.

(See page 119)

Dr. U. P. Hovermale, for the Home Mission and Church Extension Society of the former United Brethren Church, spoke of the long period of service of this organization and of the very great progress made and the assistance rendered in these fields of endeavor.

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Dr. Carl Heinmiller introduced the newly elected Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of Church Extension of the former Evangelical Church in the person of Rev. M. N. Berger, who in a very concise manner portrayed the workings and finances of this organization and of its possibilities in the future of assistance in church erection, architecture, etc. Upon motion properly made and seconded, the addresses of the evening of

the Secretaries of Missions and Church Extension were referred to the Committee on Missions and Church Extension.

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Upon motion by H. F. Siemsen, the time of the evening session was extended.

The Girls' Glee Club of Lebanon Valley College, directed by Edw. P. Rutledge, rendered several numbers to the delight of all.

A Reference

Voted, on motion made by E. S. Faust, that the matter of the splendid music during this great day by the several singing organizations be made a matter of a special minute in the record of the Resolutions Committee.

On motion by Paul Porter, seconded by Lloyd Curts, it was voted to adjourn.

Prayer was offered by Dr. C. P. Gates of Oregon-Washington Conference.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION

November 18, 1946

Bishop George E. Epp, D.D., Presiding

Bishop G. E. Epp, chairman, called for order at 9:00 o'clock. He announced that precentor Rev. Ray Upson would lead in the singing of the hymn, "I Would Be Like Jesus." This hymn was heartily sung by the Conference.

The chairman announced the Worship Theme as "Garments of Unity." Rev. E. W. Matz, superintendent of the California Conference (Ev) read the Scriptures, Col. 3:1-4; 12-17. Dr. C. M. Bowman, superintendent of South-east Ohio Conference (UB) led in the prayer of the morning. An instrumental number aided in the worship, as cornetist G. R. McMurray, with Ralph Cornell accompanist, rendered "The Holy City" which was introduced by Herbert L. Clark's, "The Southern Cross."

Roll Call

The roll of the Conference was registered by each delegation. (Cards of attendance record to be returned each day to the Reading Secretary.)

The proceedings of Saturday's sessions were read by Secretary I. L. Schweitzer and with corrections were by motion of C. V. Priddle, supported by H. E. Meyers, approved.

Concerning Addresses of Sunday Afternoon Mass Meeting

It was moved by E. J. Haldeman and seconded by R. L. Brill that the address of Bishop Epp of Sunday afternoon be mimeographed for free distribution. It was moved by F. B. Plummer and supported that the message be included in the official proceedings. This motion was amended by E. S. Faust that the church periodicals carry this message. This motion was further amended that the message of Bishop Batdorf likewise be published. The motion as amended was adopted.

(See pages 85-99)

A Reference

The chairman of the Committee on Benevolent Institutions asked the reference of the item on the Training of Young Women for Christian Service to the Committee on Christian Education. Upon motion, the item was re-referred to the Committee on Christian Education.

(See page 269)

Report of Committee on Episcopacy

A partial report of the Committee on Episcopacy was presented by Dr. Clyde A. Lynch, recommending the number of bishops to be elected and the rules governing such election. Doctor Lynch moved and L. C. Weimer seconded that this partial report be adopted. Dr. A. F. Weaver moved to amend the motion and E. D. Moore seconded it, that the item relative to the Episcopal areas and the naming of the same be referred back for re-

study and report. This motion carried and the rest of report was adopted.
(See page 288)

Alternate Seated

C. C. Vandersall of Ohio upon motion by C. E. Kachel and seconded by H. E. Sponseller, was seated as an official delegate.

Ballot Taken

Upon motion of Dr. Clyde A. Lynch, seconded by R. G. Mowrey and voted, a ballot was spread for the election of bishops, in accord with the partial report of the Committee on Episcopacy.

Evangelist G. E. Vinaroff and Pastor Bud Smith wired greetings which were read and placed on file.

Dr. Harold E. Fey of the editorial staff of the Christian Century was introduced to the Conference by Dr. Walter N. Roberts. Doctor Fey in a few words of greeting referred to this Church Union as a "Milestone in Ecumenical History in Christianity."

Report of Commission on Church Federation and Union (partial)

The Proceedings of the Commission on Church Federation and Union with recommendations and specific statements, Enabling Acts, Constitutions, were set out by Dr. J. Gordon Howard, the co-secretary of the Joint Commission.

Section 1. Reference to page 54—3 resolutions White Book re—Area of support for homes, orphanages, educational institutions and other institutions, for first quadrennium to be same area as formerly constituted. These resolutions upon motion by W. R. Holt and seconded by V. C. Adcock were adopted.

(See page 172)

Section 2. Pages 143-146 inc. re—courses of study for Junior preachers. R. W. Albright drew attention of Conference to one book out of print. Upon motion of Dr. J. A. Heck seconded by Bishop F. L. Dennis was referred to the Committee on Christian Education.

(See pages 243-245)

Section 3. Pages 50, 51 re—Enabling act for the union or changes in the boundaries of annual conferences. A. F. Weaver supported by E. C. Weaver moved that this Enabling Act be adopted with changed wording in last line, omitting the words "for ratification and approval." This motion was carried.

(See page 363)

Section 4. Pages 113-142 re—Enabling Act on Youth Fellowship and constitutions of same. Upon motion by H. E. Sponseller supported by E. E. Miller this Enabling Act and the constitutions were adopted.

(See pages 169, 218-240)

Section 5. See pages 37 and 50 paper 14—re—Joint Committee from Board of Christian Education and Board of Publication to make a study of the Curricula of Sunday school and other lesson outlines. A motion by Roy Deininger seconded by R. H. Mueller prevailed to refer this whole matter to the Committee on Christian Education and Publishing Interests.

(See page 170)

Section 6. Page 56, paragraph "f" White Book re—Associate Secretary of Women's Society for World Service and revision of pp. 776 and 777. Page 81, paragraph 9 and page 88, paragraph 13 re—Associate Secretary of Christian Education and Associate Secretary of Evangelism. A motion by H. E. Kissinger and seconded by B. S. Arnold to adopt was amended by motion of John Becker and supported by E. B. Learish to refer to the Committee on Legislation for study and report. Voted.

(See page 174)

Section 7. Page 51, paper 16—Beginning of quadrennium and terms of office of elected officials was upon motion by L. C. Weimer and seconded by C. V. Priddle adopted.

(See page 288)

References

Upon motion by H. A. Kellerman supported by H. E. Williamson the matter of version of Scripture to be used in Literature was referred to the Committee on Christian Education.

Reading Secretary Paul Koontz, from former United Brethren General Conference:

Concerning Superintendent's Council—referred to Committee on Legislation.

Paper on Social and International Relations—referred to Committee on Christian Social Action.

Reference on Christian Education—referred to Committee on Christian Education.

Quarterly Conference Licentiates—referred to Committee on Legislation.

Petition re—commission of five to study needs for Christian higher education signed by Kek, Montgomery, Bethel and Whitesell—referred to Council of Administration.

Report of nominess chosen by United Brethren Church—referred to Committee on Nominations.

Re—memorial for uniting Montana Conference—referred to Boundaries.

To Committee on New Legislation—re—changes in discipline.

Legislation re—retired general church officials—referred to Committee on Pensions.

Report re—Bonebrake Seminary—referred to Committee of Christian Education.

Recording Secretary read three references from former Evangelical General Conference:

1. Re—items on Evangelism to Committee on Evangelism.

2. Item on revision—to Committee on Legislation.

3. Reference to Committee on Missions:

(No copies of some of the foregoing memorials came to the editors but their proposals are reflected in reports of Committees).

Upon motion by William E. Grote and seconded by Wm. G. Rembolt the time of the morning meeting was extended.

(See pages 265-271)

Election of Bishops

The tellers reported the results of the ballot for the election of bishops.

The following were declared elected: George Edward Epp, John S. Stamm, Fred L. Dennis, E. W. Praetorius, C. H. Stauffacher, J. Balmer Showers, I. D. Warner, A. R. Clippinger, V. O. Weidler.

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Upon motion of R. L. Brill and H. E. Meyers, it was voted that the meeting of this afternoon begin at 2:30, and on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 2:00 p. m.

Upon motion of S. C. Enck and seconded by R. H. Turley the meeting adjourned. Dr. D. T. Gregory led in prayer.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

November 18, 1946

Bishop V. O. Weidler, D.D., Presiding

Bishop V. O. Weidler called the meeting to order.

The precentor announced the hymn, "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross."

The theme for the worship period was "Undying Indebtedness."

The Scripture lesson was read by Dr. C. O. Main, conference superintendent of Minnesota Conference (UB) from Rom. 1:8-17.

The prayer was offered by Dr. N. L. Hummel, conference superintendent of Central Pennsylvania Conference (Ev).

Rev. John C. Searle, Bowling Green, Ohio, sang most effectively, "Jesus Savior, Pilot Me," accompanied by Rev. Fay Bowman.

Bishop A. R. Clippinger asked for the privilege of the floor and spoke in behalf of the Board of Bishops, expressing appreciation for the confidence evidenced in the vote electing the bishops; facetiously saying, it was the largest vote ever given them.

Report on Statistics

Dr. L. L. Huffman, statistician of the former United Brethren Church, gave facts and figures concerning the growth and present financial and numerical status of the United Brethren Church. Upon motion of E. E. Miller and seconded by G. E. MacCanon the report was referred to the Committee on Statistics.

(See page 123)

Ballot Taken

Ballot for the election of the Publishers was spread after a sheet giving information as to division of general offices between the two Churches had been distributed.

PLAN FOR PROPORTIONATE REPRESENTATION IN GENERAL OFFICES FOR THE FIRST QUADRENNIUM

(See Plan and Basis of Union, Discipline, Section 15, Page 31)

- A. *Bishops*: From United Brethren group—5
From Evangelical group—4
- B. *Publishers*: From United Brethren group—1
From Evangelical group—1
- C. *Editors of Official Weekly Paper*:
The Editor—from the Evangelical group.
Associate Editor—from the United Brethren group.
- D. *Editor of Young People's Paper*:
The Editor—from the Evangelical group.
- E. *Sunday School Editors*:
The Editor—from the United Brethren group.
Associate Editor—from the Evangelical group.
Two Assistant Editors—one from each group, elected by Board of Publication.
- F. *Editor of German Periodicals*—The German periodicals are discontinued.
- G. *Board of Pensions*:
The Executive Secretary—from the Evangelical group.
Associate Secretary—from the United Brethren group.
- H. *General Council of Administration*:
The Executive Secretary—from the United Brethren group.
Associate Secretary—from the Evangelical group.
- I. *General Church Treasurer*:
He shall be the the Associate Secretary of the General Council of Administration.
- J. *Board of Missions*:
Department of World Missions
The Executive Secretary— from the Evangelical group.
Associate Secretary—from the United Brethren group.
Department of Church Extension
The Executive Secretary—from the United Brethren group.
Associate Secretary—from the Evangelical group.
Department of Women's Society of World Service.
The Executive Secretary—from the United Brethren group.
Associate Secretary—from the Evangelical group.
Treasurer of the Board of Missions—from the United Brethren group.

K. Board of Christian Education:

The General Secretary—from the Evangelical group.

Associate Secretary—from the United Brethren group.

L. Commission on Evangelism: (This does not appear in the Discipline).

The General Secretary—from the United Brethren group.

Associate Secretary—from the Evangelical group.

Election of Editorial Committee

Upon motion of Bishop G. E. Epp seconded by C. M. Bowman, Dr. E. E. Harris and Bishop E. W. Praetorius were elected as editorial committee on General Conference Proceedings, and Discipline.

References

The following references to Committees were made:

Re—Worship Folders—to the Council of Administration.

Weekly Bulletin Covers—to Committee on Proceedings of Council of Administration.

(See page 272)

Revision of Standing Committees

Bishop G. E. Epp had distributed a revised list of Standing Committees as prepared by the Board of Bishops, as per previous instructions.

(See pages 23-27)

Report on Statistics

Dr. A. F. Weaver, Statistical Secretary, gave a report on the former Evangelical Church re—growth in membership and finances. Upon motion by J. G. Heidinger and seconded by J. H. Ness the report was approved and referred to Committee on Statistics.

(See pages 124-127)

Election of Publishers

The report of the tellers on the votes for the Publishers indicated that 436 ballots had been cast and that both Dr. L. L. Huffman and Mr. Roy H. Stetler had received a unanimous ballot. The chairman declared Dr. L. L. Huffman elected as Publishing Agent of the Otterbein Press and Mr. Roy H. Stetler, Publisher of the Evangelical Publishing House.

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Assignments to Committees

Julius Nolting of Illinois was placed on the Committee on Missions and Church Extension, and on the Committee on Benevolent Institutions the names of B. E. Stall and Wm. C. F. Hayes were placed; C. C. Talbott on the Committee of Missions and Church Extension; L. D. Fowell on the Ways and Means Committee.

Ballot Taken

A ballot was spread for the election of the Editor and the Associate Editor of the official church paper.

Church Interests Presented

Board of Pensions: Dr. George A. Heiss of the Ministerial Pension and Annuity Plan brought the report of Ministerial Pensions in the former United Brethren Church. Upon motion by V. H. Allman and seconded by Homer B. Kline the report was approved and referred to Committee on Pensions. Bishop Batdorf added words of commendation of the work of Doctor Heiss and gave a brief historical sketch of the Fund.

(See pages 127-129)

Dr. A. H. Doescher of the Pension Fund of the Evangelical Church reported the status of the Fund.

Upon motion by S. A. Sitler seconded by Dewey H. Campbell the report was approved and referred to the Committee on Pensions.

(See page 129)

Dr. Robert T. Taylor, General Secretary of the American Bible Society, spoke in behalf of that organization, interpreting the valuable work of the same. Upon motion of N. C. Milliron seconded by G. B. Wetherbee the address was referred to the Committee on Christian Social Action.

(See pages 99-101)

Election of Editors of Church Paper

O. T. Ehrhart reporting for the tellers announced the result of the ballot for Editor and Associate Editor. Dr. J. W. Krecker and Dr. E. E. Harris, having received the necessary votes were declared elected respectively as the Editor and the Associate Editor of the official church organ.

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Church Interests Presented

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION PRESENTATIONS

Dr. A. F. Weaver, Executive Secretary of the Administrative Council of former Evangelical Church, gave report of the work of the Administrative Council. Upon motion of John A. Show, seconded by B. E. Coleman the report was approved and referred to the Committee on the Proceedings of the Council of Administration.

(See page 131)

Dr. D. T. Gregory reported for Board of Administration of former United Brethren Church, distributing supplementary material to former Evangelical delegates. Upon motion by W. R. Montgomery and seconded by E. C. Miser the report was approved and referred to the Committee on the Proceedings of the Council of Administration.

(See pages 131-138)

SUNDAY SCHOOL PUBLICATIONS

Dr. W. E. Peffley, former Editor of the Sunday school literature of the Evangelical Church, spoke of the place and importance of Sunday School Literature. On motion of H. E. Sponseller and seconded by C. F. Strutz this report was approved and referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests, and, inasmuch as Doctor Peffley was retiring from service, the Chair asked that the approval might be by rising vote.

(See page 139)

Dr. O. O. Arnold, speaking as Editor of Sunday School Literature of the United Brethren Church, introduced Dr. Paul R. Koontz his associate and Dr. Paul E. Holdcraft his assistant. He described the work of this office in the editing of Sunday School Literature. On motion of W. H. Clippinger and seconded by A. C. Spangler the report was approved and referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests.

(See pages 139-142)

Dr. D. E. Weidler, having formerly been Principal of Albert Academy, Sierra Leone, Africa, introduced Rev. Richard Caulker, a native of Sierra Leone, Principal of Albert Academy of Sierra Leone, West Africa, who spoke briefly of his contemplated work there and his appreciation of the good will of the folks here.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Dr. O. T. Deever, speaking as General Secretary of Christian Education in former United Brethren Church, introduced the Members of the Staff of this office, Dr. W. R. Montgomery, Rev. J. Allen Ranck and Miss Rachel Brant. Doctor Deever gave report of the work of Christian Education in the United Brethren Church. Upon motion of Arthur Atwell and seconded by A. P. Vannice the report was approved and referred to the Committee on Christian Education.

(See pages 142-144)

Resolution

J. F. Hatton presented a resolution re—the uniting of conferences in interim of the sessions of the General Conference, which, upon his motion and seconded by J. D. Good, was referred to the Committee on Legislation.

(See page 272)

Resolution

V. C. Adcock presented a resolution relative to the Tennessee Conference which was referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

(See page 272)

Resolution

A. A. Dodge presented a resolution from the Evangelical General Conference re—a change in the Proceeding of the Annual Conference, which upon his motion and second by Paul Porter was referred to the Committee on the Proceedings of Annual Conferences.

(See page 272)

Resolution

E. S. Faust presented a resolution that the Rules of Order be amended by adding a rule, giving opportunity before each adjournment for Committee Announcements. Upon his motion and seconded by L. L. Huffman it was referred to the Committee on Legislation.

(See page 273)

Upon motion of H. W. Kaebnick and seconded by W. Maynard Sparks a certain matter was referred to the Committee on Christian Social Action.

Concerning Nominations

Upon motion of Bishop J. S. Stamm and seconded by E. E. Nietz, all persons to be nominated and elected on Boards and Agencies as provided for in Basis of Union and Discipline, except those otherwise provided for, were referred to the Committee on Nominations.

Report of Nominating Committee, Part I

Dr. F. Berry Plummer, chairman of the Committee on Nominations, read the list of nominees for certain Boards and Commissions, and upon his motion and seconded by Torrey A. Kaatz the report was adopted and the nominees were elected.

The persons nominated by Committee on Nominations and elected together with those specifically provided for in the Discipline shall in every instance constitute the membership of the Boards, Commissions, etc. elected by the General Conference.

(See pages 294, 295)

References

The following references were made to Committees: Two items re—Bonebrake Seminary were referred from Committee on Christian Education to the Committee on Ways and Means.

A matter re—Special Days to the Council of Administration.

A matter re—Brotherhood work to the Committee on Christian Education.

(See pages 270, 273)

Upon motion of V. C. Adcock and seconded by H. M. Cobb the Conference adjourned.

Prayer offered by Dr. C. L. Allen, conference superintendent of the Ohio Conference (Ev).

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION

November 19, 1946

Bishop E. W. Praetorius, D.D., Presiding

Bishop E. W. Praetorius called the meeting to order at 9:00 o'clock.

The hymn entitled, "Hallelujah, What a Savior" was sung, led by Rev. Ray Upson, chorister.

The theme for the morning "Deeper With Christ" was announced by the chairman, who said "If we are to go farther with Christ we will need to go deeper with Christ."

The Scripture were read by Dr. H. W. Kaebnick, superintendent of the Pittsburgh Conference and Dr. L. M. Hohn, superintendent of the Miami Conference led in the prayer.

Dr. C. J. Attig, professor at North Central College, effectively sang "Fear Not Ye, O Israel," by Dudley Buck.

Roll Call

The roll of attendance was taken by delegations.

The matter of seating R. C. Mann, Oregon Conference (UB) in place of R. M. Hilton, upon motion of V. E. Hilton and seconded by G. B. Weatherbee, was referred to the Committee on Legislation.

The Rev. J. G. Eller of Illinois, former district superintendent and former member of General Conference (Ev), was introduced.

Reading of Journal

The proceedings of Monday's sessions were read by the secretary and corrected, and upon motion of C. F. Strutz supported by R. L. Brill, were approved.

Official White Book Designated

The bound volume distributed to the delegates of this General Conference containing the Membership Roll, Rules of Order, references, agreements, constitutions, etc., was voted, upon motion of Paul R. Koontz and seconded by V. C. Adcock, to be known as "The Official White Book" of the General Conference.

Alternate Seated

The Committee on Legislation recommended the seating of R. C. Mann in Oregon (UB) delegation in place of R. M. Hilton. Upon motion of V. C. Adcock and seconded by Dewey H. Campbell, R. C. Mann was seated.

Resolution

"Whereas, the union of our two churches seems to warrant closer contact between our male membership and the General Brotherhood, Be it resolved, that Article IV, Officers (paragraph 1295, of the Discipline) be changed to include an Area Director to be elected for each Episcopal Area."

Upon motion of Ralph E. Smith and seconded by Torrey Gaatz this resolution was referred to the Committee on Legislation for study and recommendation.

A clarification was asked for re—the Vice President in paragraph 1297 in the light of paragraph 1295, where three Vice Presidents are referred to. Upon motion of Walter Muller and seconded by W. R. Montgomery the matter was referred to Committee on Legislation for study and clarification.

Report of Committee on Legislation

A partial report of the Committee on Legislation was read by C. E. Kachel, co-chairman, re—matter of desired changes in the Book of Discipline to permit the election of an Associate Secretary of Christian Education, an Associate Secretary of Evangelism and an Associate Secretary of the Women's Society of World Service. The committee recommended that provision be made for such Associate Secretaries and that the Discipline be changed accordingly. Upon motion by C. E. Kachel and seconded by A. E. Moore the report was adopted, and the Disciplinary changes authorized. (See pages 300-304)

Elections Determined

Moved by L. M. Hohn and seconded by V. H. Allman that the Conference vote on all elections on the agenda for the morning before the tellers retire to count any ballots. This motion carried.

Ballot Taken

Ballot was spread for the election of the editor of the Young People's Weekly.

W. P. Riggs of Riggs and Jeffreys, Incorporated, who was responsible for the amplifying system was introduced and spoke re—the system and like systems for churches.

Bishop J. S. Stamm introduced Dr. Samuel McRae Cavert, general secretary of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, who, in a few words, expressed great pleasure in being present in this historic Conference.

Nominees for Women's Council Presented

The Women's Council of the Women's Society of World Service submitted nominees for the office of Executive Secretary and Associate Secretary in the persons of Miss Janet Gilbert and Miss Marion L. Baker, respectively.

Report of Committee on Missions and Church Extension

Partial report of Committee on Missions and Church Extension was given by N. L. Hummel.

Upon motion this report was adopted.

(See pages 305-310)

Ballot Taken

Ballot was spread for the Secretary and the Associate Secretary of the General Council of Administration.

Ballot was spread for the Secretaries and the Associate Secretaries in the three Departments of the Board of Missions.

Ballot was spread for the election of the Treasurer of the Board of Missions.

Mr. Chas. R. Rall of Pittsburgh, many times a member of former sessions of the General Conference of the Evangelical Church and a valuable member of a number of its General Boards, was introduced and spoke words of deep interest in this the First Session of the General Conference of The Evangelical United Brethren Church.

Report of Commission on Church Federation and Union (partial)

A partial report of the Commission on Church Federation and Union was presented by Dr. J. Gordon Howard, secretary.

B. F. Smith and Ralph Holdeman moved approval. Amended by R. L. Cortner and I. S. Ernst that "The Church Life" be "The Telescope Messenger." Amended further by motion of F. Berry Plummer and seconded by V. C. Adcock that "The Telescope Messenger" be called "The Telescope-Messenger." The amendments prevailed and the periodical was named "The Telescope-Messenger."

(See page 289)

Upon motion by C. F. Strutz and seconded by C. E. Servey, the time of the morning meeting was extended.

Election of Editor of Builders

Dr. Raymond M. Veh having received a majority of votes cast, was declared to have been elected as the Editor of "Builders."

(See page 284)

Election of Secretaries of Council of Administration

Dr. D. T. Gregory and Dr. A. F. Weaver having received a majority of votes cast were declared elected as the Executive Secretary and the Associate Secretary, respectively, of the Council of Administration.

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Date of Next General Conference

Bishop G. E. Epp, Secretary of the Board of Bishops reported re—the date of the next General Conference.

Report of Committee on Legislation

A partial report of the Committee on Legislation re: amending Rules of Order by adding a Rule on Announcements of Committees was submitted.

Upon motion of Virgil Hunt and seconded by H. W. Kaebnick this amendment of the Rules of Order was adopted.

(See pages 300-304)

A Reference

It was moved by Bishop C. H. Stauffacher and seconded by Ralph Holdeman that editors, E. G. Frye and W. E. Peffley, who respectively had been granted the title of "Honorary Editor of the Evangelical-Messenger" and "Honorary Editor of the Sunday School Literature" by the General Conference of the Evangelical Church, be continued in like honorary relation—

ship in The Evangelical United Brethren Church. This action was referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests.

It was moved by Bishop J. B. Showers and supported by S. A. Wells that the above relationship be granted Dr. W. E. Snyder and Dr. J. W. Owen, editors, respectively, of the Religious Telescope and Sunday School Literature in the United Brethren Church. This action was referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests.

It was moved by P. B. Gible and seconded by S. C. Enck that the honorary title of Bishop Emeritus be granted to H. H. Fout and G. D. Batdorf. This action was referred to the Committee on Episcopacy.

Appendix to Discipline

It was moved by Bishop G. E. Epp and seconded by Walter Muller that there shall be an Appendix to the Discipline in which shall be included matters which do not belong to the preceding parts of the Discipline, but which are of such importance to The Evangelical United Brethren Church as to justify their publication in this volume such as:

1. Index
2. Constitutions of Homes, Colleges, and Seminaries
3. Enabling Acts
4. Location of Boards and Agencies
5. Roster of General Conference Officials
6. Church Institutions
7. Boards and Agencies
8. Areas and assignment of Bishops
9. Listing of old corporations
10. Any other matters of prime import to the denomination, as the editors of the Discipline together with the Board of Bishops may determine.

This motion was referred to the Committee on Legislation.

Upon motion of Bishop G. E. Epp and seconded by E. C. Weaver, the matter of changes in Paragraphs 811 and 853 of the Discipline with respect to the number of members on the Executive Committee of the Board of Missions and how this membership is constituted was referred to the Committee on Missions and Church Extension.

Dr. L. L. Baughman of Illinois read a resolution re—the fact that the death of the founder of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ occurred on November 17, 1813, and that the day previous to the one hundred thirty-third anniversary of his death the Union of the church he founded and the Evangelical Church occurred. It was voted that the resolution be made a matter of record in the proceedings, as a reminder of this coincidence.

(See page 275)

A Reference

It was voted to refer to the Committee on Missions and Church Extension the matter of continuing the honorary relationships in the Missionary Society of The Evangelical United Brethren Church of Dr. W. L. Bollman, Mrs. John S. Stamm, Mrs. S. S. Hough and Bishop H. H. Fout.

(See page 273)

A resolution from the Kansas Conference (UB) re—the establishment of a Home for the Aged within the bounds of the Conference was referred to the Committee on Benevolent Institutions.

Upon motion by J. W. Everett and seconded by S. C. Enck, the Conference adjourned.

Prayer was offered by Dr. C. C. Talbot, for forty-three years missionary in China.

THIRD DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION**November 19, 1946****Bishop Fred L. Dennis, D.D., Presiding**

Bishop Fred L. Dennis called Conference to order at 2:00 o'clock.

The hymn, "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" was used as the worship hymn. Theme of afternoon was "All Nations".

Rev. H. H. Thomas, Kansas Conference (UB), read the Scriptures: Psalm 67 and Ephesians 3:14-21.

Rev. H. H. Vogel, conference superintendent of Kansas Conference (Ev), led in the prayer.

Ronald Locke, seven-year-old son of Evangelist and Mrs. Locke, of Illinois sang, "Blessed Assurance," as arranged by Rodeheaver.

Upon motion by C. F. Strutz and seconded by R. H. Mueller, the reports of the heads of Institutions were limited to three minutes each.

A Reference

The matter of the probable time of closing of General Conference, upon motion of J. R. Good and seconded by H. F. Siemsen was referred to the Board of Bishops.

Ballot Taken

A ballot was spread for the Editor and the Associate Editor of Sunday School Literature and for the Executive Secretary-Treasurer and Associate Secretary of Pension Fund.

A partial report of the Committee on Missions and Church Extension was submitted.

(See pages 305-310)

Election of Secretaries and Treasurer

The ballot for the Secretaries and Associate Secretaries of Departments of Board of Missions and the Treasurer were reported, each having received the required votes, and were declared to be elected as follows:

Executive Secretary World Missions—Dr. C. Heinmiller

Associate Secretary World Missions—Dr. S. G. Ziegler

Executive Secretary Church Extension—Dr. U. P. Hovermale

Associate Secretary Church Extension—Rev. M. N. Berger

Executive Secretary of Women's Service—Miss Janet Gilbert

Associate Secretary of Women's Service—Miss Marion L. Baker

Treasurer of the Board of Missions—Mr. W. O. Clark

(See pages 284, 285)

Election of Members of Board of Missions

The Nominating Committee presented a partial report submitting the names of eight ministers and eight laymen to be elected to membership on the Board of Missions as per paragraph 756 of Discipline.

Upon motion duly made and supported the report of the Committee was adopted and the nominees declared elected to membership in the Board of Missions.

(See page 295)

Election of Trustees of Board of Pensions

The Nominating Committee submitted nominees for Trustees of the Board of Pensions according to paragraph 1374 of the Discipline—eight ministers and twelve laymen.

On motion of C. G. Gibson supported by R. F. Brill the report was adopted and the persons named were elected. These persons together with those specifically provided for in the Discipline constitute the membership of the Board of Trustees of the Pension Fund.

(See page 295)

A ballot was spread for the election of the Executive Secretary of Christian Education and the Executive Secretary of Evangelism.

Tom Filer, blind evangelistic singer, delighted the conference as he sang, "You Can't Keep a Good Man Down."

The chairman presented Dr. Samuel McRae Cavert, Secretary of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, who was for six months the official representative of the Council in Germany. He addressed the Conference relative to the present situation and need of the war-torn areas of the European Continent.

On motion of N. C. Milliron and seconded by Russel Creighton the presence of Doctor Cavert and address were referred to the Committee on Church Federation and Union for proper minute and for consideration of printing of the address.

(See pages 101-105)

Election of Editors of Sunday School Literature

The report of tellers was read indicating a majority of votes cast for Dr. O. O. Arnold as the Editor of Sunday School Literature and Dr. G. L. Schaller as the Associate Editor of Sunday School Literature. They were declared elected.

(See page 285)

Election of Secretaries and Treasurer of the Board of Pensions

Dr. A. H. Doescher and Dr. George A. Heiss having received a majority of votes cast for the Executive Secretary-Treasurer and the Associate Secretary-Treasurer, respectively, of the Board of Pensions were declared elected.

(See page 285)

Report of Commission on Church Federation and Union (partial)

Dr. J. Gordon Howard, co-secretary of the Commission on Church Federation and Union continued the report of the Commission.

By vote of the Conference, on motion of H. W. Kaebnick, the recommendations of the "Committee of Ten" on Publishing Interests as presented by the secretary of the Commission were adopted.

(See pages 289-291)

By vote of the Conference, on motion of R. H. Mueller and seconded by E. Craig Brandenburg, the matter of moving costs and housing of General officers, made necessary by change of location of said officers, was referred to the Ways and Means Committee.

(See page 162)

Re—location of Denominational Headquarters. It was voted on motion of M. G. Miller and seconded by John Beckers that the Council of Administration and the Historical Society shall be included in said list as under paragraph 1 to be located in the U. B. Building, Dayton, Ohio.

(See pages 162, 163)

It was voted that the matter re—formulas for new Church be referred to the Committee on Legislation for consideration and recommendation.

The resolution as recommended by Joint Commission, November 12, 1946, to be transmitted to Annual Conferences and local churches was upon motion adopted.

(See page 276)

Upon motion by E. J. Holdeman and seconded by C. V. Priddle it was voted that rule No. 13 be suspended in the matter of resolutions and duplicates to be presented in the case of the Commission on Church Federation and Union.

Resolution authorizing all organizations of the two former churches to amend their articles of Incorporation, Constitutions, and By-Laws, to conform to the name of the New Church was moved by D. C. Trapp and seconded by Virgil Hunt and adopted.

(See page 276)

Resolution re—paragraph 1542 of the Discipline re—Bonebrake Seminary and Trustees of same to be within legal requirements was moved by R. L. Courtner and D. E. Young. The resolution was adopted.

(See page 280)

Successor Corporations

The legal forms for Successor Corporations was presented as approved by the Joint Commission on Church Federation and Union and adopted.

The matter of legal incorporators of Successor Corporations was referred, upon motion, to Committee on Nominations to bring in nominees for said incorporators.

The Incorporators of each corporation are included in each form as elected in a later action.—Secretary.

(See pages 276-280)

It was voted upon motion by D. E. Young and seconded by L. L. Baughman that the recommendation to increase membership of the Commission on Evangelism by the addition of the Executive Secretary and the Associate Secretary of Evangelism, the Executive Secretary of the Council of Administration, and that there be six instead of three ministers and four instead of two lay members, and that paragraph 1462 of the Discipline be hereby changed accordingly.

(See page 313)

After considerable discussion as to the perogatives of the Editorial Committee and a general agreement that they should have full authority with regard to making corrections, renumbering, capitalization, etc., it was voted on motion of Bishop G. E. Epp and seconded by J. G. Heidinger that the matter of editing be referred to the Committee on Legislation for study and recommendation.

Bishop G. E. Epp, Secretary of the Board of Bishops reported re—the date of the next General Conference, and that whereas the former Evangelical Conferences are held for the most part of the spring of the year and the former United Brethren Conferences are held in the fall of the year, and whereas these conference sessions should not be disturbed for the present, therefore the date recommended for the next General Conference is November 14, 1950.

Upon motion by C. R. Findley and seconded by F. A. Firestone the date set for the convening of the next General Conference is November 14, 1950.

(See page 281)

Fixing of Fiscal Year

A. F. Weaver spoke to the question of the fiscal year for the Boards and Commissions for a basis of reporting. This whole matter, upon motion of C. L. Allen and seconded by B. S. Arnold, was referred to Council of Administration with authority to fix the fiscal year.

Election of Secretaries

The tellers made report of elections. Dr. R. H. Mueller having received a majority of the votes cast for the Executive Secretary of Christian Education was declared elected.

Dr. O. T. Deever having received a majority of the votes cast for the Executive Secretary of Evangelism was declared elected to this position.

(See page 285)

It was *voted*, having been moved by Ralph E. Holdeman and seconded by A. E. Atwell, that since the Commission on Church Federation and Union has taken action, which action was adopted by the General Conference, and disciplinary changes are to be made accordingly that the Secretary of Conference is herewith instructed to record the fact that the Executive Secretary of Christian Education be and hereby is the Associate Secretary of Evangelism; that the Secretary of the Commission on Evangelism be and hereby is the Associate Secretary of Christian Education.

Dr. R. H. Mueller therefore is the Associate Secretary of Evangelism and Dr. O. T. Deever is the Associate Secretary of Christian Education.

Bishop J. B. Showers announced that printed copies of the address given by Doctor Cavert will be furnished gratis, by Doctor Cavert, for distribution.

Upon motion by John Beckers and seconded by Edward Claus a vote of thanks was extended to Doctor Cavert for this much appreciated courtesy.

Captain Milton H. Petzold, Chaplain, was introduced and spoke on behalf of the need of the Navy for more chaplains. Upon motion of H. E. Williamson and seconded by Lloyd C. Nichols this address was referred to the Committee on Christian Social Action.

Nominees for Commission on Social Action

The Board of Bishops nominated the following persons to constitute the Commission on Christian Social Action: John S. Stamm, J. B. Showers, Roy D. Miller, R. M. Veh, O. O. Arnold, H. W. Kaebnick, W. Maynard Sparks, Paul E. V. Shannon, J. W. Kreckler. Upon motion by Elroy C. Faust and seconded by A. B. Cox this report was approved and these persons were elected. (Other names added later.—Editors.)

(See pages 287, 361)

The presidents of the Colleges and of the Seminaries mutually agreed to forego using any time of the General Conference for reports of their respective institutions. Bishop Stamm felt this was to be regretted, but moved to have these College and Seminary officials come to the platform for presentation. O. A. Hyden seconded the motion, which was adopted.

The presidents came to the platform and were properly introduced and each spoke a few words concerning the institution he represented.

H. V. Masters	Albright College	Reading, Penna.
J. Gordon Howard	Otterbein College	Westerville, Ohio
C. Harve Geiger	North Central College	Naperville, Illinois
D. O. Kime	Western Union College	LeMars, Iowa
Clyde A. Lynch	Lebanon Valley College	Anville, Penna.
D. E. Weidler	York College	York, Nebraska
I. Lynd Esch	Indiana Central	Indianapolis, Indiana
L. P. Hill	Shenandoah	Dayton, Virginia
Charles E. Ashcraft	Bonebrake Theological Seminary	Dayton, Ohio
H. R. Heininger	Evangelical Theological Seminary	Naperville, Illinois
J. A. Heck	Evangelical School of Theology	Reading, Penna.
	Evangelical Seminary	Reutlingen, Germany

(See pages 144-146)

Resolution

The matter of merging the Board of Christian Education and the Sunday School and Tract Union was upon motion of E. G. Moede and seconded by E. W. Plagge referred to the Committee on Legislation for study and report.

(See page 273)

Upon motion by Martin G. Miller and seconded by R. L. Cortner the Conference adjourned.

Dr. Samuel McRae Cavert offered the closing prayer.

THIRD DAY—EVENING SESSION

November 19, 1946

Bishop C. H. Stauffacher, D.D., Presiding

Bishop C. H. Stauffacher, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:30 o'clock and announced the theme for the evening as "The Universal Fellowship." This meeting was known as "Ecumenical Night." The Westmont Presbyterian Church Choir added much to the service by singing two anthems.

Dr. John Ness, conference superintendent of Pennsylvania Conference, read the Scriptures as recorded in Ephesians 2:4-22, after which Dr. J. A. Haehlen, conference superintendent of Iowa (Ev), led the Conference to the Throne of Grace in prayer.

The Chairman introduced the speaker of the evening, Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of the Methodist Church and President of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America.

Bishop Oxnam brought warm greetings from the Board of Bishops of the Methodist Church as well as from the Federal Council. He personally expressed felicitations on the consummated union of the two churches now known as The Evangelical United Brethren Church and further said that at some future time it was hoped that all the churches of the Wesleyan tradition might be one.

Bishop Oxnam then brought a forceful message on the subject: "Will there be a Third World War?"

A Reference

*The address of the evening was by motion referred to the Committee on Resolutions for suitable minute, and the presence and greetings of the Bishop from the Methodist Church and the Federal Council of Churches to the Committee on Church Federation and Union for proper recognition.

The meeting was adjourned with the closing prayer and benediction offered by Bishop John S. Stamm.

*No copy of this address was furnished to the Editorial Committee for inclusion in the record.—Editors.

FOURTH DAY—MORNING SESSION**November 20, 1946****Bishop J. Balmer Showers, D.D., Presiding**

Bishop J. Balmer Showers called the conference to order at 9:00 o'clock and announced that the worship for this session was "Toward the Heights." The bishop spoke appropriate words concerning this theme.

The hymn, "Simply Trusting Every Day," was sung.

The Scriptures were read by Dr. B. S. Arnold, East Ohio (UB) conference superintendent, from Col. 3:1-11.

The prayer of the morning was offered by Rev. M. O. Herman, conference superintendent of Indiana (Ev).

Evangelist Roger Montague, accompanied by Mrs. Montague, sang an arrangement of "The Ninety and Nine."

Roll Call

The matter of seating three alternates was referred to the Committee on Legislation.

Reading of Journal

The secretary read the proceedings of the third day's sessions which as corrected were approved upon motion of C. V. Priddle and seconded by E. M. Diener.

A Reference

E. J. Haldeman presented a resolution re—the price of "The Telescope-Messenger;" upon motion of D. S. Mills and seconded by Wm. E. Grote, it was referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests for study and recommendation.

(See page 274)

Report of Committee on Legislation

Upon recommendation of the Committee on Legislation Paul Washburn was seated in the place of E. E. Keiser in the Illinois delegation (Ev), J. D. Hammer in place of C. W. Winch, and J. J. Hauser in place of H. C. George in the Pittsburgh delegation.

The superintendents of the benevolent institutions were presented to the Conference as having graciously relinquished their time for presentations. They were introduced as follows:

Rev. J. H. Arndt	Flat Rock Children's Home	Flat Rock, Ohio
Rev. G. C. Gabriel	Lewisburg Home	Lewisburg, Pa.
Rev. C. B. Westfall	Haven Hubbard Memorial Old People's Home	New Carlisle, Ind.
Rev. E. W. Matz, (Chairman of Ex. Com.)	Pacific Home for Aged People	Burbank, Cal.
Rev. Geo. A. Stauffacher (No representative present)	Western Old People's Home	Cedar Falls, Ia.
J. C. Snell	Philadelphia Home for Aged	Philadelphia, Pa.
J. R. Overmiller	Colonel Baker Home	Puente, Cal.
A. C. Wertsch	Otterbein Home	Near Dayton, O.
F. Gloor	Quincy Orphanage	Quincy, Pa.
	Old People's Home	Interlaken, Switzerland

(See pages 146-149)

The delegations from the two Canadian Conferences were asked to stand and were accorded a rousing ovation.

Report on Christian Social Action

Professor Roy D. Miller reported as Secretary of the Commission on Christian Social Action of the former United Brethren Church and Dr. Raymond M. Veh, Secretary of Commission of former Evangelical Church.
(See pages 149, 150)

These reports were by motion of Mrs. A. C. Spangler and seconded by R. M. Moody approved and referred to Committee on Christian Social Action.

Church Interests Presented

Dr. R. H. Mueller speaking in behalf of the Board of Christian Education of the former Evangelical Church announced he would forego any message re—his department save to present a number of folks making up the staff as related to Christian Education.

Miss Edith Loose, Chairman of Committee on Children's Work and Editor of Sunday School Literature of the Children's Department.

Dr. Raymond M. Veh as Chairman of the Age Level Committee on Young People's Work, Editor of the Youth paper, "The Evangelical Crusader."

Dr. G. L. Schaller, Chairman of Committee on Adult Work of the Board of Christian Education and Associate Editor of Sunday School Literature.

Rev. Ralph M. Holdeman, Assistant to the General Secretary of Christian Education and to the General Secretary of Evangelism.

Dr. W. R. Montgomery, Adult Work and Brotherhood.

Rev. J. Allan Ranck, Youth Work.

Miss Rachel Brant, Children's Work.

Upon motion of Paul Price and A. E. Moore the report was approved and referred to the Committee on Christian Education.

(See page 152)

Report of Commission on Evangelism

Dr. D. T. Gregory gave a report of the Commission on Evangelism (UB) and had supplemental report in mimeographed form distributed.

(See statement in Stenographic Record, Page 478)

Upon motion of A. D. Haley and seconded by G. E. MacCanon the report was referred to the Committee on Evangelism.

Report on Rural Life

Rev. Joseph P. Hendrix, Chairman of Commission of Town and Country gave report on this work in (UB) Church.

(See page 153)

This report was adopted on motion of W. Maynard Sparks and seconded by R. M. Miller and referred to the Committee on Missions.

Resolution

Bishop G. E. Epp presented a report relative to final adjournment of the General Conference.

(See page 311)

Report of Committee on Evangelism

(D. E. Young Co-chairman reading.)

On motion of R. G. Trent and seconded by H. E. Sponseler the report was adopted with the following changes:

Change last paragraph, Section 8 to read "It was voted that the Commission on Evangelism and the Board of Publication, after joint consultation be empowered, if in their judgment it seems wise to proceed with the publication of a denominational quarterly."

The words, "Church Colleges and Seminaries" were added after the words "assemblies and camps" in last line of the seventh paragraph of the introductory statement of the report.

(See pages 311-315)

A Reference

Bishop Praetorius stated that in adopting the report on Evangelism certain disciplinary changes become necessary. The Bishop moved reference of these changes to the Committee on Legislation for inclusion in their report to be presented to Conference. G. E. MacCanon seconded and it was referred.

Election of Commission on Evangelism

The Commission on Evangelism presented nominees for membership on Commission on Evangelism as follows: C. L. Allen, H. E. Schaeffer, O. A. Hyden, L. L. Baughman, Paul P. Petticord, Dewey Whitwell. Lay members: Mrs. Lavonna Bell, J. Britain Winter, D. W. Hummel and E. S. Wegner.

John Beckers and E. W. Plagge moved that secretary cast the unanimous ballot for these nominees. Such ballot was cast and they were declared elected.

These persons together with those specifically provided for in the Discipline constitute the membership of the Commission on Evangelism.

(See page 313)

Upon motion the Conference voted adjournment and Rev. Frederick Gloor of Berne, Switzerland, offered the closing prayer in his native tongue.

FOURTH DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

November 20, 1946

Bishop A. R. Clippinger, D.D., Presiding

Bishop Clippinger called the Conference to order at 2:00 o'clock.

The hymn, "Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross," was sung.

Rev. M. N. Berger, Wisconsin Conference Superintendent (Ev), and elected Associate Secretary of the Department of Church Extension of the Board of Missions, read from God's word as recorded in Acts 4:23-31.

Prayer was voiced by Dr. Virgil G. Hunt, White River Conference.

Dr. B. E. Ewing, Superintendent Pennsylvania Anti-Saloon League and Rev. R. D. Dexheimer, Superintendent Illinois Anti-Saloon League, were introduced to the Conference and welcomed.

The Chairman introduced Dr. G. W. Crabbe, National Superintendent Anti-Saloon, who spoke to the Conference regarding the work the Anti-Saloon League is accomplishing and asked for co-operation.

(See pages 105-108)

A Reference

The matter of seating certain delegates was upon motion by V. C. Adcock and seconded by K. K. Merryman referred to the Committee on Legislation.

Report of Committee on Proceedings of Council of Administration

The report of the Committee on the Proceedings of Council of Administration was read by Dr. H. A. Kellerman, co-chairman. Upon motion of H. A. Kellerman and seconded by D. E. Young the report was adopted.

(See page 315)

Dr. W. R. Montgomery, Director of Brotherhood and Adult Work, introduced Dr. Charles Ray Goff, pastor of Temple Methodist Church, Chicago, as speaker of the evening at the Brotherhood Rally.

Report of Nominating Committee and Elections

The Nominating Committee reporting through co-chairman, F. Berry Plummer, presented nominees for election to the following Boards, Societies and Homes:

Christian Education, Bonebrake Theological Seminary, Quincy Home, Otterbein Home, Evangelical Home for the Aged in Philadelphia, Evangelical Home, Lewisburg, Flat Rock Children's Home, Pacific Home for Aged People, Western Old People's Home, Eben-

ezer Old People's Home, Haven Hubbard Memorial Old People's Home, Charitable Society of former United Evangelical Church, Charitable Society of the former Evangelical Association, General Historical Society.

(See pages 294-298)

Upon motion of F. Berry Plummer and seconded by C. W. Hiser the report was adopted and the persons nominated were elected. These persons with those designated in the constitutions of aforementioned boards and agencies constitute the boards of said Homes and Agencies.

Election of Incorporators

Nominees for incorporators of Board of Missions; Council of Administration; Board of Trustees, Evangelical United Brethren Church; Board of Publication; Board of Christian Education; Board of Managers; Sunday School and Tract Union; Board of Pensions; Historical Society, were presented.

(See pages 298, 299)

Upon motion by F. Berry Plummer, Rule No. 19 was suspended in this instance to make possible this election.

Upon motion by F. B. Plummer and seconded by B. S. Arnold, the persons named in the report were elected as the incorporators of various Boards and Agencies as herein listed.

Seating of Alternates

The Committee on Legislation recommended the seating of C. H. Reep in place of C. L. Sorg, Kansas Conference (Ev), J. F. Gross in place of S. A. Sitler, East Pennsylvania (Ev). Upon motion of C. E. Kachel and seconded by A. E. Moore these Alternates were seated.

Report of Committee on Statistics

The Committee on Statistics submitted its report through C. B. Bartsch, co-chairman.

Section 1 of report was adopted as read.

Section 2 adopted as amended.

Section 3 adopted as amended.

Upon motion by A. F. Weaver and seconded by E. C. Brandenburg it was voted that the wording be such that a statistical blank shall be used for each congregation. It was voted that an item be inserted at the proper place regarding "Attendance of our Young People in our Colleges and in other Colleges and Universities."

Voted that an item "On Membership withdrawal with and without certificate is to be used."

The report and the statistical blank in its entirety as amended was adopted.

Because Table V concerning literature had inadvertently been omitted, upon motion by Bishop E. W. Praetorius and seconded by Paul Porter, it was voted to reconsider the question of statistical blank and Table V was voted a part of report. The report as amended was adopted.

(See pages 316-324)

Ballot Taken

Ballot was spread for Church Statistician and for Church Treasurer.

Bishop Stamm introduced Actuary Mr. Geo. Huggins of Philadelphia, who spoke to the Conference on the "Pension Fund of the Church."

On motion by Bishop Stamm the presence of Mr. Huggins was referred to Committee on Resolutions for proper minute and his address to the Committee on Ministerial Pensions for consideration and report.

(See pages 153-155)

Report of Committee on Christian Social Action

The report of the Committee on Christian Social Action was read by Dr. H. W. Kaebnick.

The matter of inclusion of a statement regarding gambling and divorce was debated. Bishop Stamm suggested that a statement which would not only cover the points in question but many others would be included if

Sections I and II of Chapter XIV of the Discipline would be quoted. It was agreed that the Committee should call special attention to the declaration on Christian Social Action as found in Chapter XIV in the Discipline.

In section on "Material Aid" upon motion of W. G. Rembolt and seconded by D. C. Trapp the words "We recommend" were changed to "be it resolved." The report as amended was adopted.

(See pages 324-328)

Matters to be Inserted in Discipline

Bishop G. E. Epp spoke regarding inclusion in Discipline of several statements having historical significance and other documents such as Declaration of Union, etc. Upon motion by John Beckers and R. M. Holdeman they were ordered to be included.

Further reference made to inclusion of Course of Study for Junior Preachers, Formulas, Certain Constitutions, etc. Upon motion by L. L. Huffman and seconded by G. B. Wetherbee such items were included and were referred to the Editorial Committee for proper placement in Discipline.

Youth Fellowship Constitutions to be Placed in Discipline

Bishop G. E. Epp moved that constitution of Youth Fellowship follow that of Brotherhood on page 292 in Discipline.

Designation Concerning General Conference Proceedings

It was voted that the General Conference Proceedings be designated "First Session of General Conference of The Evangelical United Brethren Church," but in brackets the number of the session of the former churches now united may be designated.

Upon motion of Bishop G. E. Epp and seconded by H. A. Kellerman the entire matter of Designation of General Conference, Annual Conferences, etc., as to whether it is the First or Thirty-fifth, etc., was referred to the General Council of Administration for study during the Quadrennium.

The Editorial Committee was directed to include the Plan and Basis of Union in the Discipline.

Election of Statistician and Church Treasurer

The report on the ballot for Church Statistician and that of Church Treasurer revealed that Dr. D. T. Gregory as Church Statistician and that Dr. A. F. Weaver as Church Treasurer received the necessary votes, and they were declared elected to these offices, respectively.

(See page 286)

Statement Concerning Consummation of Union

Upon motion of Harry Krug and seconded by M. A. Simonsen the Bishops were instructed to prepare a Document on the Consummation of Union, to be presented for distribution to all churches and to be read on first Sunday of January, 1947, at the time when the Quadrennium begins.

Resolution

L. L. Baughman read a resolution regarding the marking of all historic shrines of the two former churches which by motion was referred to the Historical Society.

(See page 274)

The Publicity Committee, Dr. Raymond Veh and Dr. Wade Miller, presented to each Bishop a fine group picture of the Board of Bishops, as a gesture of good will from the Johnstown Dailies and the Committee.

Appreciation of the splendid work done by the Publicity Committee was voted by Conference.

The Conference gave expression of its deep appreciation for the way in which the daily papers of Johnstown and the radio station WJAC had given wide publicity to this historic General Conference.

Reference Concerning Seating of Alternates

The request of several delegates to be excused and the request for seating of certain Alternates were upon motion referred to the Committee on Legislation.

Upon motion of B. S. Arnold and seconded by E. W. Plagge, the Conference voted to adjourn. Rev. F. A. Firestone, conference superintendent of the Ohio Conference (Ev) offered the closing prayer.

FIFTH DAY—MORNING SESSION**November 21, 1946****Bishop John S. Stamm, D.D., Presiding**

Bishop John S. Stamm called for order at 9:00 o'clock and declared the Conference in session. The hymn, "Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated Lord to Thee" was heartily sung by the delegates.

Rev. Wm. G. Rembolt, district superintendent (Ev) of Nebraska read the Scriptures and Rev. Maurice Nichols, conference superintendent of the Colorado-New Mexico Conference (UB) led in prayer.

Report of Committee on Legislation

Upon motion of C. E. Kachel and seconded by C. E. Servey the following alternates were seated: A. L. Tholin in place of Elmer Feik, Illinois (Ev); John Bartel in place of H. E. Krug, Wisconsin (Ev); O. L. Grauberger in place of W. C. Lasater, Colorado; O. D. Wissler in place of H. H. Hazenfield, Indiana (Ev); F. H. Sanders in place of V. E. Miller, Central Pennsylvania; J. F. Diehl in place of A. C. Ruth, Central Pennsylvania; G. C. Gabriel in place of J. W. Kreckler, East Pennsylvania (Ev).

Reading of Journal

Secretary I. L. Schweitzer read the proceedings of the fourth day. The record was corrected and adopted upon motion of A. C. Strutz and A. L. Deever.

Report of Committee on Episcopacy

Mr. Edwin Heina read a partial report of the Committee on Episcopacy, which upon motion of Edwin Heina and seconded by Maurice Nichols was adopted.

(See page 328)

Appointments to Commission on Army and Navy Chaplains

Bishop G. E. Epp reported on appointments to the General Commission on Army and Navy Chaplains as follows: Appointees are Bishop A. R. Clippinger, Bishop C. H. Stauffacher, Dr. R. H. Mueller, Dr. I. S. Ernst, Washington, D. C.

Bishop Stauffacher is to make official endorsement of applicants for our denomination. On motion the report was adopted and the appointments ratified.

(See page 361)

Report of Committee on Christian Education

The report of the Committee on Christian Education was read by E. G. Moede co-chairman and as amended was adopted on motion of E. G. Moede and seconded by M. A. Simonsen.

(See pages 329-333)

Report of Council of Administration

Dr. D. T. Gregory read the report of the Council of Administration, which upon motion of B. S. Arnold and seconded by A. E. Moore was adopted and the persons named were declared elected as trustees of The Evangelical United Brethren Church, with the understanding that items 1 and 2, involving disciplinary change, be referred to the Committee on Legislation.

The Council of Administration submits recommendations and nominations, in keeping with disciplinary requirements.

(See page 334)

1. That rule No. 17 be suspended and authorization be given for including the Executive Secretary of Evangelism as a member of the Council of Administration.
2. That rule No. 17 be suspended and authorization be given for including the Associate Secretary of Christian Education as a member of the Board of Christian Education and of the Executive Committee.

3. That the following individuals be approved as General Church Trustees:

Charles A. Funkhouser, Dayton, Ohio
 W. J. Schwen, Blue Earth, Minnesota
 Kenneth Hobbs, Topeka, Kansas
 E. E. Neitz, Columbus, Ohio
 Homer B. Kline, Wilkinsburg, Pennsylvania
 Fay M. Bowman, Toledo, Ohio
 L. H. Hohn, Dayton, Ohio
 Paul Holdcraft, Hagerstown, Maryland
 Paul Honan, Lebanon, Indiana
 A. G. Martin, Fargo, North Dakota
 Elroy Faust, Urbana, Indiana
 N. L. Hummel, Williamsport, Pennsylvania
 G. B. Wetherbee, Canton, Ohio

(See page 360)

Official Proceedings of General Conference

Upon motion of Bishop G. E. Epp and seconded by A. D. Smith it was voted that the Proceedings as adopted each day shall be the Official Proceedings of this General Conference, and that the printing of the proceedings be referred to the Board of Publication.

Dr. L. L. Huffman announced that the Board of Publication had voted that the printing of the proceedings of the General Conference is to be done at the Otterbein Press, Dayton, Ohio.

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Upon motion by Bishop I. D. Warner and seconded by R. A. Heim, it was voted that when we do adjourn we do so to meet at 1:30 p. m.

On motion by Martin G. Miller and seconded by H. J. Christman the Conference adjourned. Dr. E. S. Wegner, layman of Nebraska Delegation (Ev) led in the closing prayer.

FIFTH DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

November 21, 1946

Bishop Ira D. Warner, D.D., Presiding

Bishop I. D. Warner called the meeting to order at 1:30 o'clock and announced that the theme for this meeting of our worship service was "The Guiding Pillar." Dr. Roscoe Wilson led in singing the hymn, "A Charge to Keep I Have." Dr. V. H. Allman of the Sandusky Conference read the Scriptures as recorded in Exodus 40:34-38 and Ephesians 5:15-21, after which Dr. C. L. Allen, conference superintendent of the Ohio Conference (Ev) led in the prayer.

The secretarial staff under the direction of Rev. H. H. Etling and Mr. L. A. Rider were presented to the Conference and were given an ovation in recognition for the very excellent and efficient service they had rendered during the session.

Organization of Board of Bishops

Bishop G. E. Epp reported the organization of the Board of Bishops as follows: president, Bishop A. R. Clippinger; secretary, Bishop G. E. Epp. Bishop Epp further stated the position of the bishops regarding seniority as to year of election as follows: Bishop A. R. Clippinger, 1921; Bishop John S. Stamm, 1926; Bishop I. D. Warner, 1929; Bishop George E. Epp, 1930; Bishop E. W. Praetorius, 1934; Bishop C. H. Stauffacher, 1934; Bishop V. O. Weidler, 1937; Bishop Fred L. Dennis, 1941; Bishop J. Balmer Showers, 1945; Bishop Emeritus H. H. Fout, 1913-1941; Bishop Emeritus G. D. Batdorf, 1929-1945.

Report of Committee on Missions and Church Extension

The report of the Committee on Missions and Church Extension was read

by the co-chairman, Dr. H. H. Thomas and as changed at several points was adopted upon motion of H. H. Thomas and seconded by H. E. Williamson.
(See pages 305-310)

Report of Committee on Legislation

The Committee on Legislation, through the co-chairman, Dr. V. G. Hunt, submitted a partial report which as amended at several points was adopted on motion of V. G. Hunt and C. E. Kachel.

(See pages 300-304)

A Reference

The matter with reference to Missionary Conferences and the necessary clarification in regard to status of same in the now united Church was upon motion of D. R. Eder and seconded by Wm. G. Rembolt referred to Bishops G. E. Epp and J. B. Showers for a clarifying statement to be given before the close of the afternoon meeting.

(See page 281)

Report of Committee on Ministerial Pension and Superannuation Fund

The Committee on Ministerial Pension and Superannuation Fund reported through the co-chairman, V. H. Allman. The report as read and corrected was adopted on motion of V. H. Allman and seconded by W. R. Montgomery.

(See pages 334-338)

Nominations and Election of Members of Commission on Church Federation and Union

The General Council of Administration submitted nominees for the Commission on Church Federation and Union for the Quadrennium.

The report was adopted and the nominees were declared elected as members of the Commission.

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Statement Concerning Missionary Conferences

Bishop G. E. Epp presented the statement prepared by Bishops G. E. Epp and J. B. Showers re—clarification of status of Missionary conferences:

“WHEREAS, the Discipline of The Evangelical United Brethren Church in the classification of conferences in page 64, paragraph 91 and page 91, paragraph 236 defines the several conferences—(1) The Quarterly Conference, (2) The Annual Conference, (3) The General Conference and therein in Section 2, page 82, paragraphs 173-179 defines the “Missionary Conference” in its rights and specific limitations and

WHEREAS, none of the Annual Conferences of the former Church of the United Brethren in Christ operated under such limitations as defined in the above paragraph 173-179 and

WHEREAS, in the former Evangelical Church the following conferences have had such definite classification of Missionary Conferences, i.e.—The New England, the Texas and the Montana Conferences, now therefore

RESOLVED: (1) That the status of the conferences of the former Church of the United Brethren in Christ as regular conferences remain unaltered by the provisions of the above referred to paragraphs. (2) That the status of the New England, Texas and Montana Conferences be continued as Missionary Conferences. (3) That the Board of Missions together with the Board of Bishops shall give careful study to the questions involved, with a view to the preparation of appropriate recommendations to the next General Conference with respect thereto.”

Upon motion by Bishop G. E. Epp and seconded by Bishop J. B. Showers this statement was adopted.

(See page 281)

Report of Committee on Ways and Means

It was moved and the motion carried that where the report on Ways and Means duplicates the report of Committee on Episcopacy that such duplication shall be deleted from the report of the Committee on Ways and Means.

The report of the Ways and Means Committee read by Dr. John Ness, co-chairman, was adopted as read with amendment of paragraph re—rental allowance and payment of same to General Officers. Said amendment offered by Edwin Heina.

(See pages 339-347)

Constitution of Historical Society Adopted

It was voted on motion of Dr. A. F. Weaver and seconded by Dr. C. J. Attig that the constitution of the Historical Society of the Evangelical United Brethren Church as found on pages 147-150 of the Official White Book be and is hereby adopted.

(See pages 245-248)

Upon motion of S. C. Enck and seconded by J. B. Dengis the time of the afternoon meeting was extended.

Report of Committee on Publishing Interests

The Committee on Publishing Interests submitted its report through the secretary, Dr. W. E. Grote, which report upon motion by Doctor Grote and seconded by Dr. C. L. Allen was adopted as amended.

(See pages 348-350)

The death of A. K. Cressman, a highly respected layman of the Canada Conference and a former member of the General Conferences of the Evangelical Church, was announced by Dr. H. A. Kellerman.

Report of Committee on Boundaries

The Committee on Boundaries read its completed report with the added amendment re—the union of the two Montana Conferences “if and when they are united that supervision of said united conferences is hereby referred to the Board of Bishops with power.” The report as amended was upon motion adopted.

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On motion of R. H. Aurand and seconded by H. E. Williamson the Conference voted to recess at 5:15 and to reconvene at 7:00 p. m.

FIFTH DAY—EVENING SESSION

November 21, 1946

Bishop G. E. Epp, D.D., Presiding

At the hour of 7:00 p. m. the Conference reconvened with Bishop G. E. Epp as chairman. The Conference united in praying the Lord's prayer.

Report of Committee on Proceedings of Annual Conferences

Dr. W. W. Krueger, conference superintendent of North West Canada Conference (Ev) read the report of the Committee on Proceedings of Annual Conferences, which report was adopted upon motion of G. B. Wetherbee and seconded by C. W. Hiser.

(See page 351)

Report of Committee on Benevolent Institutions

Co-chairman A. D. Smith read report of the Committee on Benevolent Institutions which report as amended was on motion of Dr. H. H. Thomas and seconded by O. K. Webster adopted. The amendment placed H. H. Thomas, O. K. Webster and C. V. Priddle on Committee of Home for Aged, Kansas Conference (UB).

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Report of Committee on Legislation

A partial report, completing the work of the Committee on Legislation, was read and on motion was adopted.

(See pages 300-304)

Resolution

Dr. R. H. Mueller moved the adoption of a resolution "that the constitution of the General Board of Christian Education, Section II, Article III on Membership, paragraph 995 (Discipline), Item J be and is hereby amended to read "one of the Secretaries of the Board of Missions, elected by the Board of Missions." The motion was seconded by Rev. R. A. Heim and the resolution was adopted. This will be found in the Constitution of the Board of Christian Education.

Report of Committee on Church Federation and Union

The report of the Committee on Church Federation and Union was read and adopted seriatim as amended.

(See pages 288-293)

Bishop J. S. Stamm and Bishop A. R. Clippinger, co-chairman of the Joint Commission on Church Federation and Union, spoke of the consistently hard work and effort over the years of the members of the Commission. Those present of the Commission were asked to stand and were fittingly recognized for their work well done. The co-chairman reminded the General Conference of many personalities who at one time were members of the Commission or vitally interested in the union of the churches, but were absent or had passed to their eternal reward. Among them were mentioned Bishop L. H. Seager, Bishop M. T. Maze, Dr. J. R. Engel, Dr. I. F. Bergstresser.

Report of Committee on Resolutions

The printed report of the Committee on Resolutions was placed in the hands of the members of General Conference and upon motion of Dr. W. E. Grote and seconded by Rev. F. A. Trautman the complete report as printed was adopted as amended, the co-chairman reading the report from the fourteenth item to its conclusion.

(See pages 353-356)

Resolution

It was regularly moved by Dr. E. S. Faust and Dr. A. F. Weaver and voted that Article I, paragraph 1501 re—the membership of the Commission on Christian Social Action shall be and is hereby amended.

"There shall be a Commission of Christian Social Action, elected by the General Conference, upon nomination by the Board of Bishops; the Commission shall consist of eleven members, four of whom shall be Bishops." The names of Bishop V. O. Weidler and Bishop C. H. Stauffacher were presented by the Board of Bishops as nominees and duly elected as members of the Commission on Christian Social Action.

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Resolution

A resolution read by Dr. L. L. Huffman re—the position of Dr. Paul R. Koontz as Assistant Editor of Sunday School Literature. The resolution was adopted on motion of U. E. Bethel and seconded by Dr. I. S. Ernst.

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Place of Next General Conference

Upon motion of Rev. R. F. Wilson and seconded by Rev. O. T. Ehrhart action relative to the place of holding the next General Conference was referred with power to the Council of Administration.

Authority Delegated to Council of Administration

On motion of Judge Beckers and C. W. Hiser a resolution was voted.

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Resolution Relative to Allocations for General Causes

Upon motion of Dr. A. F. Weaver and seconded by W. C. Schmidt a resolution was voted.

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Rev. F. Gloor, European representative, spoke parting words of appreciation for the many kindnesses shown and the understanding interest in the work he represented in the European Conferences.

Greetings to Members in Other Countries

Upon motion of E. W. Matz and Rev. H. F. Siemsen it was voted that greetings be conveyed to the members and friends of the European Conferences through Rev. Frederick Gloor and to the missionaries and friends in Africa through Bishop I. D. Warner and to the churches of The Evangelical United Brethren Church in the Orient through Bishop C. H. Stauffacher and Bishop Fred L. Dennis.

Upon motion of Bishop Showers and seconded by Dr. L. C. Weimer appreciation and good will were voted to Mr. Edward Bettis who served the Conference so efficiently as the stenographic reporter.

Mr. Bettis responded to this act of good will in a few well chosen words.

Journal Approved

The proceedings of this day, November 21, 1946, were read, corrected, and upon motion of Mr. Noel Smith of Sandusky Conference and seconded by Mr. H. J. Massie of the Nebraska (Ev) Conference, were approved.

Upon motion of Dr. Paul Eller and Walter Muller a vote of appreciation was accorded the Recording Secretary of this General Conference for his services.

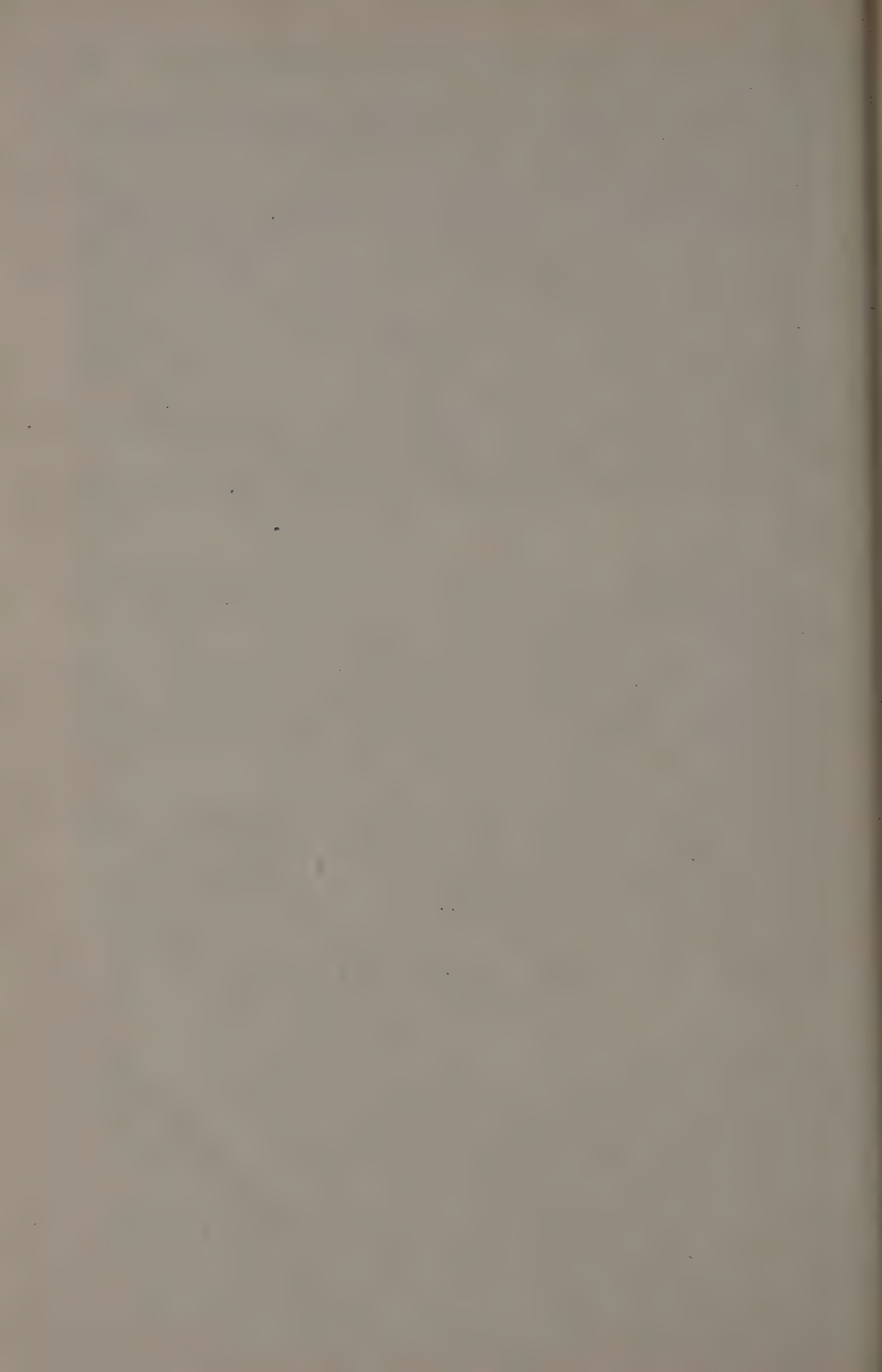
Final Adjournment

Upon motion of Dr. I. S. Ernst of Pennsylvania (UB) and seconded by E. S. Faust, Michigan (Ev) Conference, it was voted that the First Session of the General Conference of The Evangelical United Brethren Church stand adjourned.

The chairman, Bishop G. E. Epp, asked the bishops to stand as he read from the Scriptures, as recorded in the eleventh chapter of Hebrews, depicting the great heroes of the faith, and with appropriate comments he spoke of those who went forward in faith. The chairman then called upon Bishop Fred F. Dennis and Bishop C. H. Stauffacher to lead the Conference to the Throne of Grace in closing prayers, after which the chairman declared the General Conference to be adjourned, *sine die*.

Secretary's Note: After the General Conference closed, greetings were received from the following: Rev. R. Leger, superintendent of the South Germany Conference; from Rev. E. Pieper, superintendent of the East Germany Conference; and from Rev. William Quack of the West Germany Conference. Bishop Ivan Lee Holt of the Methodist Church sent the following telegram: "I send greetings and pray God's blessing on your united Church. No one could be more thankful than I am, and I hope for a larger union to come."

I. L. Schweitzer, Secretary



PART III

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PART III

COMMUNION ADDRESS

The Basic Christian Affirmation

By Bishop John S. Stamm

I Cor. 15: 3—Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures.

I Cor. 11:26—For as often as ye eat this bread and drink the cup, ye proclaim the Lord's death till he come.

The Christian gospel is the revelation of God in terms of human redemption. It is the expression of redemptive love and grace; the disclosure of the reality, dynamic character, and ultimate triumph of the order of the Spirit. The basic affirmation of the gospel is that "Christ died for our sins according to the Scripture." This is the source of Christian experience, the foundation of the Christian faith, and the distinctiveness of the Christian message. Without this there is no gospel of redemption.

The death of Christ is more than the inevitable consequence of his unflinching loyalty to spiritual purposes. It is a divine redemptive act to cancel the power of sin and to restore the moral and spiritual order in the universe. Early in his life, Jesus manifested a keen consciousness of the demands of righteousness. When John the Baptist hesitated to baptize him, Jesus answered, "It behooveth us to fulfill all righteousness." All through his life he stressed righteousness. In his death there is manifested a righteousness which makes it possible for God to be "Just and the Justifier of him that hath faith in Jesus." Through his death, God is not only vindicated in his righteousness but revealed as forgiving. Tasting death for every man, Christ destroyed the power of sin, broke its dominion over man and wrought a great salvation. He entered into the realm of death, took upon himself its full stroke, but he conquered death and came forth from the grave as the prince of life. Through sin, man lost his relation to God, his fellowship with God, his moral and spiritual character, and his spiritual inheritance. The sentence of death was upon him. He was without God and without hope. There was no power in man to break the dominion of sin. He was under the condemnation of sin, but Christ wrought deliverance. "While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." In his death he met all the demands of righteousness, so that now we can say with the apostle Paul, "There is therefore now no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus." Christ delivers from sin. All who come to God through him may have forgiveness, peace, hope and life. This is the greatest word ever spoken to men, "Christ died for our sins."

This great truth is to be made known and to be remembered. All men must be told this because redemption through Christ is for all. In his interpretation of the Holy Communion, the Apostle Paul declared that this service is a proclamation of this fact. "As often as ye eat this bread and drink this cup, ye proclaim the Lord's death till he come." In the appraisal of the worth of a human life, the fact and manner of death are not usually stressed as of primary importance. Usually the manner of life and the activities are the things most to be remembered. With Christ this is different. The primary emphasis is upon his death. There is, to be sure, a unique revelation through his life. "In him was life and the life was the light of men." Of him it is truthfully said, that none can with him compare. But his life has its meaning in his redemptive activity. That has its focal center in his death. Through his death, he has made salvation possible. Therefore, we must proclaim this truth. It must never be made secondary. It dare never be forgotten.

In this hour of holy and satisfying fellowship in which we have not only declared officially our oneness but have entered into the spirit of unity, we now pause to call to mind again the source of this fellowship. We are united in Christ. We have been united through his grace. We have been called into the fellowship of Jesus Christ our Lord through his sacrificial self-giving and triumph over death. We have fellowship with each other be-

cause we have fellowship with him. We give thanks to God who has begotten us again unto living hope. We proclaim our union in and through Christ our Saviour and Lord.

I. In this act of Holy Communion, we now as Evangelical United Brethren reaffirm our wholehearted acceptance of, and loyalty to this basic affirmation of the Christian faith, "Christ died for our sins." The Founding Fathers of our two united churches accepted this truth. They declared it with evangelistic passion and missionary zeal. They built their ecclesiastical structures upon this foundation of our redemption. We their sons and daughters, having come into this experience of union, for which the Fathers sought, now in this act of Holy Communion proclaim the Lord's death. Upon this basic truth we purpose to build this greater structure. We stand committed to this truth of redemption, "Knowing that ye were redeemed, not with corruptible things, with silver or gold . . . but with precious blood, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot, even the blood of Christ."

"What can wash away my sin?

Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

What can make me whole again?

Nothing but the blood of Jesus."

This is our faith, this is our hope, this is our message. We preach Christ and him crucified.

This affirmation implies a threefold challenge. It means personal acceptance and experience. It will mean little if we declare our faith but miss our redemption. Because Christ died for our sins, we may rise in newness of life and walk in fellowship with God. This has meaning for us. Christ died for us, for you and for me. What he made possible he made possible for each and everyone. Therefore, we believe in a definite experience of personal salvation. We believe in the forgiveness of sins and holy living. We believe in personal salvation and social redemption. May it never be truthfully said that The Evangelical United Brethren Church has the form but lacks the power of godliness.

This affirmation also means that we have a concern for the salvation of others. Because we believe "Christ died for our sins," we also believe in evangelism and missions. We are therefore concerned that the fires of evangelism shall be rekindled on the altars of our hearts and churches, and that the areas of missionary outreach shall be more fully developed and enlarged. The measure of God's concern is disclosed in the death of Christ. How can we believe in his redemptive selfgiving and then sit idly by as men are lost—eternally lost. There is no greater heterodoxy than that of affirming basic Christian truth and then doing nothing about it. In declaring the Lord's death we are called to a new commitment to world redemption.

This affirmation also means that we accept the order of the Kingdom and the Lordship of Christ in all of life. It was sin which destroyed the order of God. It is sin which makes that order impossible. But Christ has matched the power of sin. He has destroyed its dominion. He has made possible entrance into the Kingdom life and the establishment of the Kingdom order. He has assured the coming of the Kingdom. We are now living in the day of his grace. This is the day of salvation. Now is the accepted time. Christ is able to make grace abound where sin abounds. It is through Christ that the new order is made possible. Believing in his atonement we also believe in his triumph. Wherever men have accepted his lordship there has come a new order. There is a new creation when a man comes to be in Christ Jesus. There is a new creation when men come to be in Christ. As we proclaim his death, let us not fail to accept his Lordship. We believe in Christ therefore we also believe in a redeemed world.

II. In this act of Holy Communion we also confess our need of the resources of the Spirit for the accomplishment of the enlarged task which now awaits us as a united Church. There is strength in union. There is strength in the union of these two churches. In their united forces and resources there is an added source of strength. This is all the more meaningful because there has not only been drafted an acceptable form of union, but

there has been developed a spirit of union. This is however not enough. If all that we have in this union is what we had in our separate existence we will not be able to match the hour and fulfill our task. We must have added spiritual renewing and empowering. In words which have become very familiar in more recent years, we must go deeper if we would go farther.

Before the disciples could undertake their task, they had to wait until through the Spirit they were led into the deeper meaning of redemption. We too need to enter into this fuller resource. Enlarged tasks demand increased resources. The assurance of adequate resource is guaranteed in the selfgiving of Christ. The Apostle Paul called attention to this fact when he wrote to the Christians in Rome, "He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not also with him freely give us all things." Again, in writing to the Corinthian church, he said, "All things are yours." The resource of life made available in the atonement made by Christ is inexhaustable and adequate. Since Christ died for our sins, we have the assurance of the sacrificial mindedness of God which assures all things. We need to enter more fully into this resource. We need also direct others to this same supply. We are today living in great need. Men are conscious of power, but tormented with a painful sense of inadequacy. We know where men may find help. We however must find this ourselves, then we can witness to its availability for others. In the redemptive love and grace we are made more than conquerors. As we catch the rhythm of step in union may we also remember our sufficiency in Christ. May we respond to his love and enter into his victory. In this Holy Communion we confess our need, but also witness to the fact that in Christ every need may be fully met. In proclaiming the death of Christ, we bring to men this assurance of resource.

III. In this Holy Communion, we bear glad testimony to the truth of our redemption through Jesus Christ. We were dead in trespasses and sins; we were under the condemnation of sin, but Christ made us free. He forgave our sins and took away the guilt and stain. He put his spirit into our lives and gave us the witness of acceptance. We have passed from death into life. Christ, the hope of glory, now dwells in our hearts. We know that Christ is able to save for he has saved us. In this hour of joy and thanksgiving, we lift our hearts to him in grateful praise for his salvation. In this service we bear this witness in silence without words. As we take the bread and the cup we confess the truth of salvation in terms of personal experience. There is no more eloquent testimony than the act of communing. We shall also bear witness in words. Both of our churches began and were promoted through the word of testimony. At times, there has been a tendency to set this aside. Shall we not in our union call forth the word of witness in a new way. We also witness in our lives. There is no more persuasive witness than that which is given in lives made Christlike and spiritually efficient through the power of God. That is why there is such interest in this act of uniting. May that not be all. This same fact must now become evident in our united thought and life. As we receive these emblems let us pray for that transforming power through which there will be made manifest in the life of our Church this witness in life of our redemption through Christ.

As we now enter this service may we think so deeply into the meaning and power of the cross until we can truthfully say with the poet,

"Were the whole realm of nature mine
That were a present far too small,
Love so amazing, so divine
Demands my soul, my life, my all."

In this spirit may we now enter into that enriched experience of grace made possible through the blood of Christ and proclaim anew the death of Christ.

"Unto him that loveth us, and loosed us from our sins by his blood . . . to him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen."

EPISCOPAL ADDRESS

By Bishop A. R. Clippinger

Bishop Stamm, Members of the Board of Bishops, Fathers and Brethren.
 "Grace to you and Peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ."
 —I Cor. 1:3.

With grateful and glad hearts we enter into this the first General Conference of The Evangelical United Brethren Church. This is a solemn and significant occasion. It will go down as a memorable event in the annals of church history.

There is a sense in which we are standing on a great divide today. For twelve years the leaders of the Evangelical Church and the Church of the United Brethren in Christ have been climbing this mountain peak of ecclesiastical faith and Christian experience. We have now reached the summit; our goal has been attained and our hopes have been realized. At times the ascent was steep and the road was rugged. Sometimes the rocks and thorns pierced our feet and we limped on our way, but with unflinching zeal and strong courage we pressed on. Now that we have reached the summit, it seems to me the sun never shown more brightly than it does today and the balmy atmosphere of Christian fellowship was never warmer than it is on this mountain peak of ecclesiastical unity. It would be delightful to tarry here with fitting epithets and complimentary words but work awaits us at the foot of this mountain.

We believe that everything that preceded this eventful day was under the leadership of the Holy Spirit and in answer to many earnest prayers. It is the conviction of our heart that God has been in this effort and today Heavenly choruses are singing "Te Deum Laudamus" and "Gloria in Excelsis." We trust that each member of this great Conference will respond with a loud "Amen."

From this promontory, we take a retrospective view. For nearly a century and a half the life giving stream of spiritual power and Christian experience has been flowing out through parallel, but separate channels. Today, on this sixteenth day of November, 1946, these crystal streams converge for the first time to strengthen their flow and make glad the City of God. The fair pages of history pass before our eyes like a great panorama. There are many pleasant experiences, happy days, and worthy achievements that must not be forgotten. Previous efforts have not been in vain. All along our pathway, monuments of victory have been erected and we can say with assurance, "Hitherto the Lord hath helped us." Memories' walls are lined with familiar faces. There is Jacob Albright, John Walter, George Miller, Samuel Becker, Bishop Seybert, Bishop Breyfogle, Bishop Spreng and Bishop Maze. In United Brethren halls may be seen Phillip William Otterbein, Martin Boehm, Adam Geeting, Christian Newcomer, Bishop Weaver, Doctors Davis, Funkhouser, Landis, Drury and Faust, also scores of others whose holy passion and Christian zeal adorn the pages of church history and whose names might well be added to the eleventh chapter of Hebrews.

"They climbed the steep ascent of heaven
 Thro' peril, toil and pain;
 O God, to us may grace be giv'n
 To follow in their train."

It is a matter of deep interest and great significance to know that both of these denominations had a common origin and both sprang from the German speaking people of eastern Pennsylvania. Moreover, their origin is contemporary. The founders of these communions had a similar Christian experience. The early settlers of the Pennsylvania colony brought with them their Bibles and their prayer books but they could not bring with them their ministers and their meeting houses. Immigrants were now coming into the colonies, especially Pennsylvania, by the thousands. They were entranced with the thought of a new home in this wilderness country with its fertile soil and its natural resources. Amid their joys and their arduous labors, they forgot God. Right soon a whole generation grew up that knew not God for they had no religious training. It is said that during that

colonial period religion and morality had sunk to its lowest ebb in the history of America. Then came the Revolutionary War which made no contribution to the religious life of the colonists. Infidelity, atheism and agnosticism were rampant. When Timothy Dwight became president of Yale University he could not find six students who believed in God.

Under conditions like these, the Wesleys, Asbury, Otterbein and others came to America as missionaries to preach to their own people. It has always been true that when Christianity has been in a decadent state, God raised up great leaders and minorities who "Kept the Faith." These remnants became the foundation stones upon which our denominations built their living faith in a new world. This was quite apparent in the closing years of the eighteenth century and the early years of the nineteenth century. Great revivals began to break out in different sections of the country which evidently had their roots in the pietistic movement in Germany. The spirit of God moved mightily upon the hearts of men wherever these ministers went, convicting them of sin, causing them to cry out, "What must I do to be saved." During this spiritual awakening, Jacob Albright, Otterbein, Boehm, Newcomer and many others enjoyed remarkable Christian experiences. Even though these men were followers of the Lord Jesus, they now experienced a spiritual awakening, a quickening of heart impulses. They were new creatures in Christ Jesus and went out to preach with a holy passion and a new zeal. These men of God gathered about them other men and women of like experience, for fellowship, for prayer and testimony. Their numbers increased with the passing of the years. It could be said of these as it was said of the early disciples, "Behold how these Christians love one another."

From fountain sources like these flowed the streams that gave rise to these two denominations. From that day to the present they have been characterized with the spirit of evangelism and the missionary mind. Our people enjoy the episcopal form of government and the itinerant system in the ministry by which churches are supplied with pastors. Indeed, there are no other denominations in America so similar in polity, doctrine and form of government. There are minor differences, to be sure, but the fundamental principles of these two denominations are the same. There seems to be no logical or valid reason why these denominations should have remained as separate entities. It is quite natural and logical in these days when the spirit of merger is abroad in the land for us to unite in one organic whole.

The Boards of Bishops and other denominational leaders have seen the futility of pursuing our tasks separately when we can increase our efficiency with united efforts, both in things temporal and spiritual. The overwhelming vote in favor of church union, in the General Conferences, in the annual conferences, and in local churches convinces us that our constituency is willing to follow the leadership in this forward movement. It should be said in this connection that your commissioners have done independent thinking but in all major issues they have seen eye to eye. We have endeavored to retain the old landmarks wherever possible but when that could not be done we resorted to Christian reciprocity and created something new which was agreeable to all concerned. There has been no deflection on the part of any one, but from the very first to the present moment, a beautiful Christian fellowship has been manifest. God has been with us in all our council meetings and we have sought to know his will. It would be difficult to convince me that God has not been in this movement from the beginning and that he does not smile upon our achievement. Certainly, fifty, God-fearing, consecrated churchmen, leaders in their respective denominations, who love their church and their Lord, could not meet repeatedly across a period of twelve years in prayer and consultation and not be motivated by a high and holy purpose. In brief, we believe this is the will of our Heavenly Father, and that it will be his good pleasure to bless our efforts. In that spirit we launch this new Ship of Zion on uncharted seas and choose to call it The Evangelical United Brethren Church. The same North Star that guided us safely, as separate denominations, through rough and turbulent waters, will guide this new Ship of

Zion to its desired haven. We will pool our resources and unite our forces to strengthen our thin line of defence in far flung areas. To accomplish all that we have in mind will require patience, long suffering and sacrificial effort. The new discipline is but an imperfect blueprint and this General Conference is only the beginning of our united work. One of our first objectives is to cross this continent with a great evangelistic campaign and so far as possible touch every church with a holy passion for lost souls. With this united effort the spirit of evangelism and missions must receive a new impulse.

THE STATE OF THE CHURCH

What Christian has not said audibly or in silent tones to himself, "I believe in the Holy Catholic Church." The church of which Jesus Christ is the head and all believers are members. We are thinking of that great company of people from every race or clan, from every nation and walk of life—all those who accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior, irrespective of denominational lines or creed. One day, when Jesus was addressing the Jews, he said, "Other sheep I have which are not of this fold, them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice, and they shall become one flock, one shepherd." (John 10:16)

We belong to that branch of Christendom known as Protestantism by right of inheritance and autonomy. The very genius of Protestantism is freedom of thought and freedom of worship. It was that love of freedom and independent thinking that prompted Martin Luther, the Augustinian monk of Erfurt, to nail his ninety-five theses to the church door at Wittenburg and declare to all the world for all time, "The Just shall live by faith." The times were ripe for this outburst of independence. It was not just the notion of one man but he had that truth born in him and he could take no other stand, even before the Diet at Worms. We bemoan the existence of so many denominations and sects, yet all alike are seeking to emulate the name of Jesus and hasten the coming of his kingdom. Whatever progress Christianity has made since the Reformation, has been made on the wheels of denominationalism. One of our hymn writers has beautifully expressed it

"We are not divided; All one body we,
One in hope and doctrine, One in charity."

The spirit of tolerance and kindly consideration for another's religious viewpoint is more prevalent today than ever before. That does not mean these denominations have sacrificed their faith in the living God or any fundamental beliefs. It does mean that the prayer of the Master is becoming more essential, namely, "That they might all be one even as I and the Father are one." Church federation and church unity are in evidence everywhere today.

Federated movements have attracted the attention of many denominations both large and small. We are happy to announce that the two denominations which we represented were in the vanguard in federated movements. Within the last two decades there have been some very remarkable and some very successful efforts in the field of organic union. The Methodist Episcopal Church and the Methodist Church, South, have united to form the largest constituent body of Protestantism. In the year 1931, the Congregational and Christian Churches formed a merger. Three years later, 1934, the Evangelical Synod of North America and the Reformed Church in the United States merged. Right now the Congregational Christian Church and the Evangelical and Reformed Church are well on their way toward another merger. When this proposed merger is completed it will mean one denomination instead of four, as was the case fifteen years ago. Other efforts which are not so far along might be named in this connection. For example, the Protestant Episcopal Church and the Presbyterian Church U. S. A. are negotiating.

We believe God is leading the churches on to victory through unity and closer fellowship. These ties of Christian love and fellowship extend far beyond the bounds of any one nation. Today, we have the World Council of Churches comprised of ninety-three denominations which is a recogni-

tion of Christians everywhere irrespective of national boundaries, color, or race.

That the church has fallen short of its highest ideal and its greatest privilege, we all will agree; but despite her shortcomings she has remained true to her commission and continues to go forward under the banner of Jesus Christ. She has suffered the onslaught of oppression and persecution, of infidelity and indifference, but there has always been a remnant that did not forget God. These have been the salt of the earth and the light of the world. How we like to sing

"Oh, where are kings and empires now
Of old that went and came?
But Lord, thy church is praying yet,
A thousand years the same.
"Unshaken as the eternal hills,
Immovable she stands
A mountain that shall fill the earth
A house not made with hands."

Theological dogma and doctrinal differences do not seem to hold the centre of the stage today. The drift is in the direction of ritualism, ethical behavior and service. The liturgical churches are enjoying a great following. Even among the so-called non-liturgical or so-called evangelical churches, the tendency is in the direction of formalism with more ritual. Pastors and choirs alike are clothed with robes. Responsive exercises are used for worship. The creeds of other years are recited and made a part of the worship. Christian art occupies a place in every modern church today. Church architecture is built around the idea of worship and our modern sanctuaries conform to this notion. Great interest is manifest today in making the place of worship beautiful and attractive, to compare favorably with our homes in which we meet our friends and neighbors.

No one would minimize the importance of a beautiful and worshipful sanctuary, but when architecture and ritual and liturgy become a substitute for spirituality the church has lost its power. "The letter killeth but the spirit giveth life." It is our firm belief that these two denominations will augment, and supplement each other, and together deepen the spiritual life of every local church that enters into this union with resolute purpose. The religion taught by The Evangelical United Brethren Church will not be devoid of theological dogma, as expressed in the Confession of Faith. We have no desire to depart from the faith of our Fathers. This new Church will also have ritual and liturgy, but it will have faith and a form of worship that will make Jesus Christ real to everyone who bows at its altars. Without this spiritual emphasis, there can be no satisfying apology for this merger. The world stands in need of a spiritual revival and no organization, but the church, presumes to teach the religion of Jesus Christ. "If the salt hath lost its savor, wherewith shall it be salted." Formalism, materialism and indifference must give way to a holy passion for a closer walk with God and a fuller realization of his immediate presence in our every day life. Our only hope is in God.

MISSIONS

These uniting churches have not been disobedient to the commission of our Master, "Go ye therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." The spirit of missions has characterized these communions from their beginning. In the early days ministers went as missionaries to the western frontier. As the population moved westward, the minister of the gospel went with the immigrant. They preached in private homes, in barns, in schoolhouses, and in the groves. Then they organized classes and built log churches. They swam turbulent streams and made long journeys across the plains. They suffered many hardships and made great sacrifice, but their labors were not in vain. All along these early frequented trails, through the forest, over mountain and vale may yet be seen tangible evidence of their consecrated efforts. As these churches grew stronger, interest was manifest in the pagan population abroad. The Evangelical

Church sent missionaries to Europe as early as 1850. The United Brethren Church located a mission station in Sierra Leone, West Africa, in the year 1855. In the year 1889, our first missionaries landed at Hong Kong, East China. Missionary work was started in Japan in the year 1895. Following the Spanish-American war, at the turn of the century, about 1900, work was started in Puerto Rico and the Philippine Islands. It would be an interesting chapter to trace the growth of all missionary enterprise but time and space will not permit it in this connection.

While there has been marked progress in the Foreign Field, the work in the Home Field has not been neglected. Both denominations have done very commendable work among the underprivileged folk in the mountains of Kentucky. The Evangelical Church has done missionary work among the Italians in Wisconsin. The United Brethren Church has extensive missionary work in New Mexico, chiefly among the Spanish-speaking folk, also in Florida.

The recent World War greatly hindered all missionary enterprise but with the cessation of hostilities new opportunities and new fields have been made available which are a challenge to this new Church. The returning soldier has seen first-hand what the missionary has been able to do in distant fields. The radio, transportation of the missionary by plane, and modern methods of communication are great assets to every missionary project. While the ravages of war have caused the death of millions of people and the destruction of valuable missionary property as well as private property, yet God may cause the wrath of men to praise.

The Evangelical Church has already gathered \$500,000 in their Kingdom Service fund for rehabilitation, reconstruction and expansion, and are now endeavoring to double that amount.

The United Brethren churches are earnestly engaged in a Missionary Crusade. This crusade is sponsored by both the Home and Foreign Boards including the Women's Missionary Association. Missionaries on furlough, secretaries and other speakers are going from conference to conference and from church to church with missionary messages. This is the most inspiring and ambitious missionary program ever launched in the United Brethren Church. A financial appeal will be made in the same churches beginning with July 1, 1947. A goal of one million dollars is the slogan of the financial effort. Already generous gifts are coming in unsolicited. When these two missionary programs and efforts are united, the new Church will be challenged and stirred from center to circumstance. It is good to think about and it will be better to co-operate with this forward missionary movement.

In the month of September, last, four hundred Christian missionaries assembled in San Francisco to set sail for Asia and the islands of the sea. Through the efforts of the Foreign Missions Conference, a special boat, the Marine Lynx, was chartered to carry them to their destination. Twenty-nine denominations co-operated in this practical demonstration of Christian unity. These outgoing missionaries assembled in that great Opera House in San Francisco, made famous as the birthplace of the United Nations Conference, along with thousands of other citizens who are interested in missions. The mayor of the city addressed them, wishing them God's speed in their great work and a safe voyage. Dr. Henry Luce, America's foremost publisher, crossed the continent to address that rare gathering of Christians. Where in all the pages of history do you find anything to compare with this great outburst of missionary zeal and consecration? It reads like the crusades of the eleventh century but with far more lasting results. Then too, we must not forget those hundreds of missionaries who crossed the Atlantic to their several stations, some by plane and some by boat. Also, others have crossed the Caribbean Sea to South and Central Americas. It seems to the writer that God, through his church, is on the march today. Multiplied thousands of our fellow men are crying out to us in America, "Come over into Macedonia and help us." "Is there no balm in Gilead?" "Is there no physician there?" This appeal was never before so loud and so insistent. We rejoice that our people have not turned a deaf ear to these earnest appeals. Millions of money and supplies of all kinds have been sent abroad. We have not circumscribed our activities within our own denomina-

tional limits. Our people have responded to national appeals for food, clothing and money. Our lines have gone out to all the earth. We yet believe the parable of the Good Samaritan is the greatest parable Jesus ever spoke. We hold that every man in need is our neighbor, irrespective of "kith or kin or color of his skin." We thank God for victories in the past but we are challenged and inspired with these larger opportunities of the future, unsurpassed by any previous century. God help us to neither falter nor fail in this hour of destiny.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

In this new Church, there is no field so large, none more fertile or fruitful, than the field of Christian education. The Evangelical United Brethren Church will fall far short of its greatest opportunity for Christian service if it does not thoroughly cultivate this field and gather a bountiful harvest of souls. There is much education today in the fields of science, art, and literature, but so little education that is distinctively Christian in character. The education which the church fosters must be thoroughly Christian, and to be Christian it must be evangelical. The Prophet Hosea said many years ago, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge." In the second epistle of Peter, we are exhorted "To grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." We have also been taught that "Knowledge is power." Of course, we recognize the fact that education is a much broader term than knowledge but it is power that our Church is seeking after. We stand in need of spiritual power. Power to combat the social and political evils of a selfish world. Power to convince the gainsayer. Power to "make a good confession in the presence of many witnesses."

It has long since been demonstrated that the church can mold personality and shape the course of human life, and in so doing the destiny of nations is determined. The most sanguine prophets today are pessimistic. The whole world is in a state of flux. Empires have crumbled and so have our great centers of population. Nations are being reborn. Treaties of peace, politics, and economics are important factors in building a new world, but these alone cannot cure the ills of life. It will require the leaven of Christian idealism. That part of the program belongs to the Christian church. The organized church is the channel through which the Holy Spirit may operate. No other organization presumes to do the work which definitely belongs to the church. If The Evangelical United Brethren Church wishes to be a potent force in creating a better world in which to live, superlative attention must be given to the young and rising generation. This calls for an all out Christian education program among our young people.

PEACE

Any public declaration of this character would be very incomplete without stating our position in regard to war and peace.

Neither of the two denominations which this new Church represents have ever been numbered with the so-called Peace Churches. We have never been designated as non-combative, but through all the years we have deprecated war and worked for peace. Some of us have lived through three wars, others only two. We believe that war is contrary to the spirit of Christ and the brotherhood of man. It violates the Christian ideals of mercy and love. It is wasteful of life and property. It causes much suffering and sorrow and settles nothing permanently. Our Church refuses to be a contributing factor to make war, yet at the same time it recognizes the rightful authority of the civil government to declare war and draft its citizenry. Previous to the outbreak of war, many of our members were definitely identified with peace organizations. Pastors decried war from the pulpit and prayed for peace; but when the inevitable came and war was declared, thousands of our young men and maidens, the flower of the nation, marched off to war, believing they were engaged in a just and righteous cause. Alas, some will never return, for they have made the supreme sacrifice and sleep in distant lands. However, there are some Christians who believe it is inconsistent to engage in warfare. These are known as Conscientious Objectors. They were willing to make sacrifice for society and the nation, but not on the battlefield. The Church does not

discriminate against these young men because they refuse to bear arms, for we believe that God alone is Lord of the conscience.

No sooner than our sons and daughters went into training camps, than the church manifested an interest in their spiritual welfare, as well as their physical well-being. Many pastors left their pulpits and went out to preach the gospel to the boys and comfort them in their lonely hours, to pray with them in the time of sickness and suffering. The church followed these boys with letters and literature by the tons. It has been truthfully said that never before in the history of nations and wars has there been so much done in a spiritual and religious way for the soldier boy. This credit belongs to the church and to Christian people.

Technically speaking, our nation is still in a state of war, although not actively engaged in warfare. More than a year has elapsed since V-J Day, but terms of peace have not yet been signed. The President of these United States has all the wartime power that was given to his predecessor in the time of combat. There are yet several million of our young men in uniform and others being drafted. Most earnest efforts are being put forth to preserve the peace of the nations and avert another world war. Many fervent prayers are being offered for the success of the Peace Conference and the United Nations Conference now assembled at Flushing, New York. It requires patience and long suffering for the nations of the world to understand one another. Through constant effort and vigilance, surely there will come a better understanding. This new Church must be an integral part in every peace movement. We must hasten the day when the knowledge of the glory of the Lord shall cover the earth as the waters cover the sea.

The Veterans' Administration under General Bradley, informs us that there are now seventeen million veterans in America, fifteen million of whom belong to this recent war. Ninety thousand of these boys are cared for in one hundred and fifteen hospitals. Many other hospitals are being erected for future patients. By good authority, we are told that just now these hospitals have reached the peak of hospital patients from the First World War. What will be the status twenty years from today when the soldiers of the Second World War go knocking at the doors of our government hospitals? The care and concern for these self-sacrificing, suffering soldiers is indicative of a high stage of Christian civilization. It has been well said that the parable of the Good Samaritan is yet the greatest parable Jesus ever spoke. With a heart of love and compassion for the suffering and sorrowing, let us continue to proclaim the gospel of the Prince of Peace to all the world. A good definition of the church is, "Christianity organized for worship and service." The new world order has changed the psychology of American people and, at the same time, has given us unlimited opportunities for Christian service. It yet remains to be seen if the church will seize these golden opportunities and capitalize on them for God and the church.

TEMPERANCE AND PROHIBITION

The churches which we represent have always been uncompromising with the beverage liquor traffic. Moreover, we have stood for temperance in all things. There has been no uncertain sound in our voice nor has our policy been altered because of recent developments. We are painfully conscious of the fact that gambling, drinking spiritous liquors, and the sale of habit-forming drugs are on the increase; all of which produces juvenile delinquency, vice and crime in many forms. To equivocate now would be lamentable, and to falter would be sin. This nefarious liquor business has marred the beauty of many good homes and has destroyed the happiness of thousands of men, women and children. Death stalks our land like a grim monster and follows in the path of the drunken driver. Drink pulls the trigger in many a drunken brawl. This iniquitous business must cease if America is to maintain her place of influence among the nations of the world. American idealism has placed woman on a high pedestal, but she has debased her own sex by drinking, smoking and gambling. The future generation must suffer the penalty for prospective mothers indulging in these intemperate habits.

This new Church must take a firm and positive stand against these social

sins. The pulpit must speak with clarity and conviction. If any of our church members indulge in these evil practices, they must be reproved. If any are indifferent they must be apprised of the dangers that lurk in these unrighteous habits. The youth must be taught the evil effects that alcohol has on the nervous system of the body, and on society as a whole. We cannot do everything necessary to curb this downward trend in society but we can do something. Our voice will be heard and our efforts will be required. At least, we will have the sweet consciousness that we have walked the high road of Christian ethics and have discharged our moral duty to our fellow men.

IN CONCLUSION

As we reassemble our forces and organize them for renewed effort, we feel our weakness and unworthiness in the face of our task. Our only hope is in God as we face the future. In other days, we have called upon him and he has answered our prayers. We believe he will answer our call again and show us great and mighty things which we know not. We cannot, we dare not make this venture alone. These are calamitous times and adverse conditions may overtake us. The Apostle Paul witnessed untoward circumstances in his life. When in dire distress, he wrote to the Corinthians (II Cor. 2:16), "Who is sufficient for all these things?" The implied answer is found in Jesus Christ. To go in our own strength, we court failure.

The tradition of the past must not be forgotten but

"New ages teach new duties

Time makes ancient good uncouth.

We must upward still and onward

Who would keep abreast the truth."

It will require time and patience to get new wheels revolving and new organizations functioning. We must have kindly consideration for one-another and co-operate in this new program which we believe is the will of God. Christian ideals and the brotherhood of man await the teaching of the church. A social gospel as well as individual salvation must be taught and preached. A vigorous youth program must be launched immediately. In this day when juvenile delinquency is on the increase there is no time for delay. Our efforts may seem futile in the face of such great odds but this new Church must be an integral factor along with other denominations in combating evil and creating a better world order.

Evangelism and Christian Stewardship, which are so closely related, must receive due emphasis. We shall seek new members, but along with numerical increase must go financial gains. There are yet many undiscovered financial resources that must be made available for Christian service. The ministry will need many new recruits and the mission field many more consecrated workers. Certainly our colleges and seminaries have increased responsibilities in directing young men and women into these great areas of service.

While we tarry in this Conference, our horizons are extended and our brotherhood enlarged, our spiritual zeal heightened. We never before witnessed a day like this. We shall perhaps never see another. The inspiration of numbers and these ecstatic hours should spur us on to greater activity and more efficient work. In a little while this Conference will adjourn, each bishop and all the delegates and visitors will return to their respective tasks. Many miles will separate us, but we will not forget one another at a throne of grace.

I would bring this thesis to a conclusion with the words of Kipling's Recessional:

God of our fathers, known of old,
Lord of our far flung battle line,
Beneath whose awful hand we hold
Dominion over palm and pine—
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,
Lest we forget—lest we forget!

The tumult and the shouting dies;
 The captains and the kings depart:
 Still stands Thine ancient sacrifice,
 An humble and a contrite heart.
 Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,
 Lest we forget—lest we forget!

FRATERNAL GREETINGS

EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN MINISTERIUM

Johnstown, Pennsylvania

By Rev. Harry G. Paul, President

Mr. Chairman, Members of the General Conference, and Friends: We, the ministers of the Evangelical United Brethren Ministerium of Johnstown, take this opportunity to express to you formally our warm and heartfelt welcome. We count it both a pleasure and a privilege to have you here with us in this, our city, in our churches, and in our homes.

However, when we say "Welcome," we want it to be something more than just a word, we want it to be an experience, an experience which we shall never forget.

I am sure that in my own heart this morning, in that wonderful service of merger, I felt almost moved to cry aloud, "Surely God is in this place. Let us build."

I believe this is something more than a merger, that it is an emergence, something new, something at a new level in history; that even as the names and traditions of Elijah and Moses on the Mount of Transfiguration were caught up in that more glorious splendor of truth and the revelation, so I believe we, too, have been embraced in this our experience together.

I have a few thoughts in my heart this evening which I would like to voice, but which I believe could be most simply stated in the word "Welcome" itself. In the word "welcome" you will notice there is a combination of two words, "we" and "come," joined by the letter "l"—"Welcome." Now if we could think of the letter "l" as symbolizing the word "Lord," then we would have the thought that we have "come joined in the Lord."

As the mountains are round about the ancient city of Jerusalem, so the mountains are round about you here in this great body. We trust they will symbolize for you not alone the promise that is eternal, but that they may also express the bigness of our hearts as we open them gladly to you. Thank you. (Applause)

CITY MINISTERIUM, JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

By Rev. Harold L. Rowe, President

Bishop Warner, Members of the General Conference, and Christian Friends: I am indeed privileged to bring the greetings of the City Ministerium of the city of Johnstown to you. I am privileged in many respects, because I also happen to be the president of the Lutheran Pastoral Association—just about to retire. I am not assuming a monopoly on leadership here in the city, I hope.

I am happy to greet this body, too, because in a personal way I have something I have wanted to pay, a debt of thanks or gratitude, because my wife happened to come from the United Brethren church in Red Lion. I am grateful. Thank you.

We are very happy to have you in our city. I think you realize now that not all bad things come to Johnstown—good things come. We know it for sure. It is not always disaster. Sometimes it is things just like this, the emergence of a union which is strong and secure, and which speaks well for Protestantism in America.

In our city we have some twenty religious groups. This group, your group, is now the largest and the strongest in our city. We are proud of you. Two of my former predecessors as presidents of the Ministerium came from your group.

We are happy, then, to welcome you. We are happy to assure you of our prayers for you and with you during the remaining days of this Conference, and with all of you as you go back to your churches.

General Eisenhower was being congratulated on the success of V-E Day, on the successful invasion of the European continent, when someone asked him, "How did you secure such great co-operation from the various teams on that day?" He said, "Not teams—one team."

I congratulate this one team on the great event and the great promise for the future for Christ's kingdom, as I greet you tonight. Thank you. (Applause)

PENNSYLVANIA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

By Dr. Ivan M. Gould, Secretary

Bishop Warner, Members of the Conference, and Friends: I am indeed happy to bring greetings from the Pennsylvania Council of Churches. I should like also to include the Pennsylvania Council of Christian Education.

Certainly this is an historic occasion, and those of us in interdenominational work in Pennsylvania are happy that you have chosen this state as the scene for this General Conference. I think it is significant that in this state both denominations were formally organized, and now this new denomination has come into being.

The Pennsylvania Council of Churches has had close contact with both of your former denominations. While I have just come to this post within the last few months, I realize that for fifteen or sixteen years Bishop Batdorf was the president of our council and now for the last year and a half Bishop John S. Stamm.

It has indeed been a privilege to work so closely with Bishop Stamm, whom I consider one of the great leaders of the Protestant Church of America, not only of your denomination, but of the church at large.

I am not sure that some of you realize what you are doing to statistics by this union. Those of us in the Pennsylvania Council of Churches are asked how many denominations there are in this or that council. Now we have to report one less, and that is the wrong direction to go. If you keep this up, some of us will be out of jobs.

But, seriously, you and I know how important this is. And we have sensed as we were in the services today, that it is truly the work of the Holy Spirit.

Some months ago the Pennsylvania Council of Churches, through the Executive Committee, adopted the following resolution, which I have the privilege to present:

"We take note with interest the fact on November 16 of this year, 'The Church of the United Brethren in Christ' and 'The Evangelical Church' will join in organic union in the city of Johnstown, Pennsylvania, to form 'The Evangelical United Brethren Church.' Both of these churches had their origin in Pennsylvania about one hundred fifty years ago, and have had and continue to have a large place in the religious thought and life of Pennsylvania.

"RESOLVED, That we ask the Executive Secretary of this Council to convey to this new church our hearty congratulations and best wishes on that occasion, and may the splendid record of the past be crowned with a still greater achievement in the years which lie in the future."

Just by way of greeting, let me say I believe that the historic church of Christ has within it two dynamic forces, one the individual conscience, and through that individual conscience we see the rise of different denominations; but also struggling with the individual conscience is the love that joins us together into a greater power. And I believe you have gone along with that dynamic of the Christian gospel, and this is the fruition of that.

However, may I point out to you that I believe you have, paradoxically, achieved the easiest part of your task of merger, even though it has taken some thirteen years to do it. I think you have achieved the easiest part, because this is something tangible, and you can take hold of it. The spiritual part will take longer.

I pray that you may be knit together in the bonds of love, and that all of you, and the individual members in your churches, will take hold of that spirit of Christ which is one and which brings us together into a greater unity. In that spirit, and in the love of Christ, I bring you greetings from our State Council. (Applause)

RESPONSE TO FRATERNAL GREETINGS

By President Clyde A. Lynch, Lebanon Valley College

Mr. Chairman, Members of the Conference, and Friends:

It is with a keen sense of high privilege and justifiable pride that I respond, in behalf of the General Conference of The Evangelical United Brethren Church, to these several greetings, conveyed so appropriately, sincerely, and eloquently. Translating these welcoming words from auditory into visual imagery, they may be truly said to be like "apples of gold in pictures of silver." Our hearts have been deeply touched and comfortably warmed by your kindly sentiments; already we have a feeling of "at homeness."

Johnstown has been trying to live down its reputation of being the "Flood City," and reassuring flood-control measures have been devised to prevent another municipal inundation. The disastrous flood of 1889 is one of the dated events of Pennsylvania history, and the same year saw a division in one of our uniting churches. For years people referred to certain happenings as having occurred before or after the Johnstown flood. Again, in 1936, this city was submerged by another flood, the high-water marks of which are indicated on several buildings. After the waters had subsided, I stood here in this church with Pastor Winey and saw among the ravages of the flood a telegraph pole which the mad waters had carried through a window and deposited in the center of the church.

This evening, we see the results of another Johnstown flood—not catastrophic like the floods of 1889 and 1936—but a benevolent flood upon whose friendly bosom we are being carried into rich experiences of hospitality. The citizens of this community, particularly the pastors and members of the churches, have spared no thought or effort to stretch their limited resources to provide for our comfort and to facilitate our business. This has involved inconveniences and sacrifices and the expenditure of much money, time and energy. To all of you who have so kindly served us, we express our sincere appreciation of your extended and tireless efforts.

When we entered your city, we saw upon billboards and church bulletin boards messages of welcome, which have been followed by corresponding deeds of brotherly love and affection, which have deluged us with a flood of roses, whose perfume will linger long in the halls of memory.

As I walked down the street on the day of my arrival, I saw across from the City Hall a large metal dog, and, as I looked at him, I experienced the temporary illusion of seeing him, in the characteristic canine manner, wagging his tail in friendly greeting; and in the evening, the lights on the mountain top appeared like so many stars lined up to welcome the strangers. The friendly flood tide of this city's hospitality will make this Conference another dated event in our history—1946—the year of the Johnstown flood of brotherliness.

We believe, too, that a new flood of glory will come to our united Church. Our Lord, in his high-priestly prayer, prayed not only for his immediate disciples, but for those who would be their spiritual successors. "That they also may be one, as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee; that they also may be one in us."

This union is a partial answer to his fervent prayer, and increased glory now accrues to the great Head of the church. As we have glorified the Head, so the Head will glorify the body. This glory, in our specific case, will not

consist primarily in the spectacle of a larger church, with quantitative accretions and economies, but in a better church with spiritual actualities and potentialities, qualitatively consistent with our new ecumenical pattern.

A great flood has "flown from simple sources." As early as 1813 Christian Newcomer began his overtures to the Albright brethren; and in the first Evangelical General Conference of 1816, a committee was appointed to meet with a similar committee of the United Brethren to consider the matter of union. The negotiations were discontinued, but in these latter years the two churches resumed their efforts which have eventuated in this glorious consummation.

May it not be more that mere fantasy to imagine Otterbein, Albright and Newcomer, and those associated with them among those whom "the flood has borne afar, from out our bourne of Time and Place," as happy observers of this sacred event? Who knows but that they are clasping eager hands and exclaiming, "Wir sint Brüder." In fact, since all true marriages are said to be made in heaven, we may be justified in believing that, because this union is the work of God, these mighty men of God may be more than passive witnesses—they may have had a significant part in the councils of heaven which decreed this flowing together of our two denominational streams into a wider and deeper channel to implement the grace of God in the bearing of rich spiritual cargoes to a needy and bleeding world.

A new flood of glory will come to Protestantism. God is in history, and our merger will increase and accelerate those centripetal forces operative in the church universal as never before, conducing to a more visible institutional representation of that ideal and essential unit which embraces all followers of our blessed Lord, who, because of their unity with him and the Father, experience unity with one another.

This unifying process is not and cannot be the work of man alone. We agree with the observation of the last Archbishop Temple concerning the difficulties involved in the union of those denominations which do not possess in their external life nearly so much in common as did our two uniting churches, when he said: 'But that points to the action of God beyond all that men can ever do; and in the end the reunion of the church will not be something by us at all; it will be the work of God resulting from a deeper devotion in all parts of the church. It is not through skill in negotiation, but through deeper devotion to the Lord himself, that we may hope in the end to be brought into that full unity which corresponds to the unity of God and his purpose for his people.'

We are standing on the threshold of a new emergence of Protestant vitality, notwithstanding Arnold Nash's article on "The End of the Protestant Era." A new ecumenical synthesis and a new ecumenical strategy justify a stronger note of optimism in an appraisal of the present and our forecast of the future. In his "The Coming Great Church," Canon Wedel declares that "a world-wide Christian community is discovering its existence, and giving to that existence outward and visible signs." Surely, the union of our two American-born churches is one of these outward and visible signs.

When Jesus prayed for the unity of his followers, he was thinking not only of the benefits which such "togetherness" would produce, but of what would happen to their testimony to the unbelieving world. Alas! Too often do we fail to think of John 3:16 and chapter 17 as constituting the twofold objective of the Savior's mission. He never forgot the world into which he had come with redemptive purpose. In his mind the unity of the church is necessary for the unity of the world. "That they also may be one in us; that the world may believe that Thou hast sent me." "That the world may believe"! This union undoubtedly has a tremendous evangelistic appeal. From Johnstown the wires and the radio are carrying the glorious message. And the unbelieving world will find it easier to believe.

On December 15, 1922, Bishop Charles H. Brent addressed this question to President Wilson: "If, in the proposed draft of the League of Nations there is no clause indicating God's purpose to bind all nations into one, could not something of the sort be inserted, even if it were only a simple sentence?" adding, "The more I have thought of the attempt which we are making to create world order, the more I have concluded its hopelessness without

looking to God to do the work above and beyond as well as through us, which is necessary for anything permanent." The bishop further expressed his conviction that such an insertion "would tend to stabilize our idealism, if the first mention of unity were referred to as the product and purpose of God's mind."

In our present efforts to achieve world unity, as it was in 1922, more than a pious phrase is necessary to succeed. Nevertheless, the World Council of Churches constitutes a League of Peace in its global ministrations. The Head of the church has indicated that our business is with "all nations." These nations are just emerging from the flood of blood released by the hatreds of men. The church universal is able to release the flood of God's love unto salvation if its component parts will unite to accomplish its mission in harmony with the Great Commission of our Lord. This ultimate goal must not be obscured by denominational pride and self-will or by the selfish sectarian purpose of self-preservation; for, as Bishop Brent so forcefully said: "There never was, there never can be, a narrower work for the Christian church than the world. Whatever sails on a lesser sea is not the ark of salvation, nor does it even belong to the Christian fleet."

"There is a tide in the affairs of men, which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune." So it is in the affairs of churches, and who knows but that these two American-born churches, now united as The Evangelical United Brethren Church, may have come to the Kingdom for just such a time as this? (Applause)

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The Rising River

By Bishop George Edward Epp

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"And he brought me back unto the door of the house; and behold waters issued out from under the threshold of the house eastward (for the forefront of the house was toward the east); and the waters came down from under, from the right side of the house, on the south of the altar.

"Then he brought me out by the way of the gate northward, and led me round by the way without unto the outer gate, by the way of the gate that looketh toward the east; and behold, there ran out waters on the right side.

"When the man went forth eastward with the line in his hand, he measured a thousand cubits, and he caused me to pass through the waters, waters that were to the ankles.

"Again he measured a thousand, and caused me to pass through the waters, waters that were to the knees.

"Again he measured a thousand, and caused me to pass through the waters, waters that were to the loins.

"Afterward he measured a thousand; and it was a river that I could not pass through; for the waters were risen, waters to swim in, a river that could not be passed through. And he said unto me, 'Son of man hast thou seen this?'" (EZEKIEL 47:1-6.)

In the grim grip of frustration brought on by his continued contemplation of the contradictions and perplexities of life, the preacher in Ecclesiastes declares: "all the rivers run into the sea, yet the sea is not full; unto the place whither the rivers go, thither they go again." Why of course they do! Whether they be great or small; historic or unknown, ancient or modern, each obeys the universal and irresistible law of nature and of nature's God that compells it eventually to lose its identity and individuality in the bosom of the mighty sea.

THE RISE OF MANY RIVERS

Many of them are famous rivers. Each has a history, picturesque and marvelous, well worth the telling.

There are the Euphrates and the Tigris, whose waters laved the alluvial

plains of Assyria and Chaldea, where once stood in lone military supremacy and regal pride Nineveh the magnificent and Babylon the golden, capital cities of imperial world powers that played a stellar role in the international affairs of the long ago and then were reduced to rubble and oblivion. These rivers that witnessed the march of events, the rise and fall of empire, pour themselves into the Persian Gulf only to be lost in the mighty ocean.

Here rolls the Nile, "life giver of Egypt," revered and worshiped as a god, rising from its sandy source, flowing in its rhythmic sweep to the sea; looking out upon the royal cities, towering pyramids, graceful obelisks and gorgeous temples that bring to focus a civilization which flourished unbroken through the centuries, through long dynasties, ancient, filled with mystery and power; a great river that pours out its life-giving waters through the delta into the sea that is never filled.

Europe has its mighty rivers like the swift Rhine, the blue Danube and the colorful Rhone, taking their rise high in the Alps, carving their channels deep, coursing through the magnificent landscape, carrying the freighted commerce of the nations; and yet again and again through the centuries having their waters reddened with the blood of countless humans slain in the vain struggle for political and military supremacy.

Asia too has its great waterways along which the civilizations of the centuries and milleniums have marched.

And our Americas are blessed with great river systems, up and down which discoverers and intrepid explorers have come and gone to bring rich treasure and to open to future generations vast untouched resources of field and forest. Not least among these is the mighty Amazon rushing like a frenzied lion, hurling itself a hundred miles far out into the Atlantic as though loath to lose itself. Here rolls the Mississippi, "the father of waters" gathering all his children by his side, pursuing his leisurely course through thousands of miles to the ever receptive Gulf of Mexico, cutting in twain geographically but happily, not nationally, these great, rich and blessed United States. Here rides in majesty the great St. Lawrence freighted with the cargo of the world. There are others, like the rich Red River of the North, the classic Potomac, the magnificent Hudson and a thousand others, upon whose banks stand the great cosmopolitan centers of our modern civilization.

However appealing to fancy or alluring to the mind would be the privilege of resume of the romantic source, the historic import and the perennial benefaction of these waterways—the mandate of this hour, the limits of time, and the chief object of this address compel us to turn, under the sure guidance of Ezekiel's man of mystery with the line of flax in his hand and a measuring rod, to the study of a river whose matchless rise brings a picture of the glory of the people that is yet to be.

I. The Source That Gives Rise to These Holy Waters

Ezekiel was a priest in Exile whose high position is indicated by the fact that he was among the captives who accompanied King Jehoiachin to Babylon in 597 B.C., eleven years before the destruction of Jerusalem. Favorably located in the refugee camp on the river or canal Chebar near Babylon, living in his own house to which the Elders came for advice and study, his moral earnestness is increasingly conspicuous.

EZEKIEL'S MINISTRY AND MESSAGE

By the twenty-fifth year of the captivity, he had often "sat where they sat" in their misery and want, and had wept with the captives when they thought of home. At first greatly misunderstood, now they came to look to him for spiritual leadership. During the earlier part of his work Jeremiah was his collaborator, as was Daniel in the latter.

His bold words often endangered his life. His fearless denunciation of idolatry, Sabbath desecration and the erstwhile alliance with Egypt are outstanding. But he rises to the highest height in chapters 40-48 in which he develops his Messianic conceptions with great force. He looks not so much at the person of the Messiah as at his kingdom. The central figure is

the temple where Jehovah dwells (a true house of refuge) where all the nations gather to become holy unto the Lord Jehovah.

Under the beauty of this glorious vision in these inspired words Ezekiel arouses the baffled people to believe in the future and the eternal promise of God: "I will gather them on every side . . . and I will make them one nation in the land upon the mountains of Israel and one king shall be king to them all, and they shall be no more two nations, neither shall they be divided into two kingdoms anymore—so shall they be my people—I will be their God."

Ezekiel's rising river of Salvation shall serve as channel whereby we purpose to chart the course and measure the depth of the rising river of union that has brought us to this high hour of realization. This rising river like that in the day of Ezekiel takes its significant rise in the house of God from under the altar—that signified excruciating suffering, total vicarious sacrifice, atoning death and a redemptive cross, that spelled the outburst of the pent-up sacrificial love of God as it was in Christ Jesus.

This river rushes forth in copious flow and fullness, out of the heart of God. It is "the river the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God." For divine love is a river deep and exhaustless that rises in the infinitudes of the very nature of the Divine, a source both unfathomed and unfathomable, imperial as the heart of God.

It is a source, translucent, clear as crystal, pure, restorative, and life-bringing as it resuscitates all its contacts. It removes defilement and quenches thirst. To this ultimate, adequate and holy source the sons of Otterbein and of Albright attribute the source and rise of the streamlets that have run down the decades in increasing volume and now result in their confluence in what we confidently proclaimed to the world—"The Evangelical United Brethren Church."

WHERE THE STORY BEGINS

This story begins in a thousand places, for humanly speaking there are many contributing elements which under God gave rise to these streams of spiritual power and influence. The story really has its beginning at the eastern end of the Mediterranean Sea where lies an insignificant little land of a million souls, limited in natural resource, the battle ground of the nations, the crossroads of the East and the West, yet the best known, most loved land of antiquity. The Holy Land, in which lived and moved a master man destined to be the Savior of the World. Under him we acknowledge we are debtors to all in the Christian tradition.

Viewed from another angle this quest after the source of the rise of these holy waters, takes us to Europe. Nine years before Columbus discovered America, Martin Luther, born in 1483 of German peasant stock was destined to discover a new world of religious experience and life, when as an Augustinian Monk at the age of 22 he nailed, in 1517, his 95 theses on the door of the old Schloss Church. Today there are 80,000,000 Lutherans in the wide world and some 2,500,000 of these on the North American Continent; yet all who accept the Protestant heritage, owe them and their founder an undying debt of gratitude, for we of the Evangelical group are mindful that the ecclesiastical roots of the Albright family went deep in that subsoil.

WE ARE DEBTOR TO MANY

So also has the Reformed Church of Europe made large contribution to our heritage in that Philip William Otterbein was sent by the Holland Reformer Synod to this new and needy land to help shepherd the flock of God. The values for which these Communions have stood for more than four hundred years, we also claim as our heritage. The authority of the Word of God as over against the authority of the church; the right of the individual to be absolutely himself; not what we do for God so much as what God does for and through us; justification by faith alone—this is that heritage they gave us. Never let us become so flexible as to become spineless, and never so broad as to become shallow.

Then too in a very specific sense we are indebted to the Church of

England for out of it came the founders of Methodism and upon it we drew heavily in the formation of our creedal statements. From the Thirty-Nine Articles Wesley selected twenty-four he thought most important; our Evangelical forebears took eighteen, and added one on the recognition of our Government, while the Church of the United Brethren in Christ took thirteen.

To the Pietist movement of Spener and Halle that swept over central and southern Germany we are also deeply indebted, for a goodly number of the clergy sent to America in that early day were deeply imbued with this pietistic spirit, among them Philip William Otterbein. Moravians with their close supervision; Mennonites, Dunkards and Amish with their peculiar customs and dress, preserved their identity. At William Penn's invitation the first colony of German immigrants, the Crefeld Mennonites under the leadership of Dr. Francis Pastorius came on October 3, 1683, and founded Germantown, and from the Mennonites came that godly man, the Reverend Martin Boehm.

THINGS IN COMMON WITH THE METHODISTS

We have much in common with the Methodists: Sacramentalists, Bible Moths, Holy Club and Methodists their critics dubbed them.

John Wesley and we are indebted to the little band of Moravians who had broken away from Rome fifty years before Luther, and founded on the estate of Count Zinzendorf their Herrenhut Colony from which they went out to evangelize the world. When in London, upon his return from the Georgia fiasco, John Wesley sought out for spiritual advice Peter Bohler, a graduate of the University of Jena. That memorable day in St. Paul's Cathedral Wesley listened earnestly to the choir chanting "De Profundis," "Out of the depths have I cried unto thee, O Lord," and wrote into his Journal on May 24th, 1738—"In the evening I went very unwillingly to a society in Aldersgate street, where one was reading Luther's preface to the Epistle to the Romans. About a quarter before nine, while he was describing the change which God works in the heart through faith in Christ, I felt my heart strangely warmed. I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone for my salvation; and an assurance was given me that he had taken away my sins, even mine and saved me from the law of sin and death."

Wesley's followers have shouted more than Wesley ever did, but they have shouted with no uncertain tones the gospel of God's free grace, marked by enthusiastic personal faith and eager concern for humanity in a happy combination of moral passion and intellectual tolerance. Here too we pause to pay tribute, for Methodist, United Brethren and Evangelical streams of spiritual life and influence have been fed from the same eternal spring that rises in the heart of God. From the days of the founders these rivers have crossed, mingled, or run parallel through the arid countryside to make it fruitful and glad; for wherever the waters have come, life, rich, redemptive has ensued.

In both our Communions there were strong leanings toward the Methodist Church, and repeated attempts from the days of Bishop Asbury and our founders to more recent times were made toward organic union. Otterbein assisted in their ordination at the Baltimore Conference as far back as 1784. The friendships between our denominational leaders have been fraternal, rich and rewarding.

Jacob Albright, after his conversion became a member of the Methodist Church and held an exhorter's license; but forfeited his membership in the class due to his extended evangelistic, missionary journeys that kept him from home and the Methodist class meetings.

Martin Boehm, an ardent pioneer preacher of the United Brethren, whose son Henry was a Methodist minister of import, found great consolation in having his name enrolled in 1802 upon a Methodist class book, where it remained until his death in 1812. It was his son Henry who made the German translation of the Methodist Discipline for the use of the Germans in Pennsylvania, and this manuscript Rev. George Miller freely and copiously used as a pattern and guide in the compilation of the first Discipline of the Evangelical Church.

So in a certain sense, as we look out upon the hills and down the valleys of Eastern and Central Pennsylvania, in the country around Lancaster, Lebanon, Kleinfeltersville, Pennsylvania and Frederick County, Maryland, we might say that we are an organic synthesis. We are debtors to all, and we gladly acknowledge this rich heritage of time and space.

II. Widening and Deepening of the River of Union

In a time of national depression when national extinction seemed imminent Ezekiel's guide plummets the stream that widens and deepens in its rich, rushing tide; ankle deep; knee deep; loin deep and swim deep in its blessed mission of life and fruition as it moves on to freshen the Dead Sea.

Such also, under this similitude, is the story of the rising river of our union.

GREAT LEADERS FOR A GREAT CAUSE

Dominant personalities in the early day there were not a few, but three names among the many stand out in the list of the immortals: Philip William Otterbein, Christian Newcomer and Jacob Albright. Let us pause in our contemplation and rise up to call them blessed.

Philip William Otterbein, a warm personal friend of Bishop Asbury, was born in Dillenberg, Germany, June 3, 1726. He was educated and ordained in the nearby Herborn, German Reformed Theological School; was sent to America by the Reformed Holland Synod direct from Nassau in 1752, at the age of 26. Pietistic in spirit, theologically well trained, he served with fidelity in the German Reformed churches of Lancaster 1752-58; Tulpehocken, 1758-1760; Frederick, N. Y., 1760-1765; York, Pennsylvania, 1765-1774; Baltimore, Maryland, 1774-1813, where he died on November 17, just 133 years ago today.

During the second year of his pastorate at Lancaster, when one of his hearers sought spiritual help, he himself came to a great personal experience of the saving grace of God, his ministry took on a deep spiritual and evangelistic undertone, and under God he became the founder of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ.

He preached repentance, conversion and true godliness. Few of the Reformed ministers were sympathetic with his work. He introduced prayer-meetings, prayed with families in their homes, held experience meetings. Many were converted under his labors.

At Isaac Long's barn in Lancaster County, said to have been at Pentecost in 1766, at a meeting largely attended by awakened souls from different denominations, Philip William Otterbein unexpectedly appeared and heard for the first time Martin Boehm, a Mennonite preacher who had been elected by them to be a minister, against his own will, and later (1775 expelled from said Church for his unusual evangelistic efforts that were depleting their congregations), preached with power and blessed effect, a personal gospel of salvation. Otterbein recognized in this preacher a truly saved man, and embracing him before all the people, exclaimed "Wir Sind Brüder!" (We are Brethren)! Here we stand with bowed heads at the source of the stream.

Christian Newcomer, born in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, February 1, 1749, was a peerless pathfinder, a spirit undaunted, the St. Paul of the United Brethren, a genius for approach and organization of the new Church. Moving from Pennsylvania to his new home several miles southeast of Hagerstown, Maryland, he joined Otterbein and George Adam Geeting and their society of Spirit-filled ministers. Hundreds of horse back trips took him constantly through the land of saddle bags on preaching tours into remote places in Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky and Canada. A veritable counterpart of the sainted Bishop John Seybert of home missionary fame in the former Evangelical Church. For many years he was a bishop, the successor to Philip William Otterbein. He died March 12, 1830. A thousand people attended his funeral. The sermon was preached by Bishop Henry Kumler of Ohio.

Jacob Albright, second of four sons, whose father John had come on the steamer "Johnson" from Rotterdam to Philadelphia on September 17, 1732,

and settled three miles southeast of Pottstown, Pennsylvania, was born May 1, 1759. He was eighteen at the time of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. His elder brother, Ludwig, died a soldier's death in defense of the new Republic.

Jacob served as a member of Captain Jacob Wiltz's 7th Company, 4th Battalion, Philadelphia County militia which was organized at Pottstown in 1781. At the age of 32 (1790) after a severe struggle when death took three of his children, through the spiritual aid of a United Brethren local minister, Adam Riegel, who resided in the neighborhood, Albright was born deep into eternal life. In October, 1796, sensing the dire need of the "Pennsylvania Dutch" people, he embarked on his first evangelistic tour into certain counties of Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia. In 1800 the first three classes were organized as Walter's Class in Buck's County, Leister's Class in Berks County, and Philips' Class in Northampton County. Some years after his own conversion, Albright, while preaching in the little Flickinger Church in his home community, became God's instrument in bringing Adam Riegel's children into a saved relation.

In 1808 Jacob Albright called the last "Big Meeting" at the farm house of John Brobst and stationed the preachers. Exceedingly ill after twelve, brief, work-laden years of exposure, he came to Kleinfeltersville where this "honest tiler," not yet fifty, on May 18, 1808, went to be with God, a physical casualty to an undying cause under a deathless leader.

Rev. Henry Boehm, a Methodist minister who lived to the ripe old age of a century, a contemporary of Albright, declared that he "knew Albright as a man of strong decision both as a Christian and as a preacher." He also knew Rev. Henry G. Spayth, first United Brethren historian, also a contemporary of Albright, whom he repeatedly met. Boehm observed Spayth at bush meetings, noticed particularly his manly and proper deportment, also his straight person and almost military gait, all of which made a distinct impression "that he was a man of strong convictions and decision."

CLOSE TO THE SOURCE

Kleinfeltersville became the seat of the origin of the Evangelical Church. Within a few miles the Seventh Day Baptists had their origin. Near by, in Tulpehocken in 1723 and at Zeller Fort in 1727, the Reformed and Lutheran Churches were constructed. At Landis Valley, not over 15 miles distant, some of the formative work of the Church of the United Brethren took place.

Far from these spiritual leaders who burned their lives out for the salvation of their countrymen was the thought of separate ecclesiastical organization; but Providence ruled otherwise.

Otterbein ordained none of his followers until five years after Jacob Albright had died. On October 2, 1813, he ordained three men, one of whom was Christian Newcomer who had been preaching for more than 20 years and who in the preceding May had been elected Bishop of the United Brethren Church.

WATERS ANKLE-DEEP

Christian Newcomer's diary under date of May 31, 1806, reveals the mingling of these early streams when he declares: "A quarterly meeting opened at Christian Hershey's. Brother Niedig addressed the congregation first, and after him a Mr. Albright (founder of the Evangelical Church). The word delivered made considerable impression; not a few had their spiritual strength renewed to press their journey on the narrow way with alacrity."

Ever closer came these streams through increasing contacts and deepening regard for each other in both groups. On April 21, 1813, Newcomer reached Martin Dreisbach's where the Albright Brethren (Evangelical) had their conference (Buffalo Valley) under chairmanship of Rev. George Miller, a good disciplinarian, a man of courage, faith and deep experience of God. Martin Dreisbach, close friend of Christian Newcomer, served as secretary. Dreisbach later became the first Presiding Elder in the Evan-

gelical Church; he held the first preacher's license issued by Jacob Albright; he was a born leader, an organizer, a real business man with statesman-like qualities, sage as well as saint, a real tower of strength.

FIRST ATTEMPTS AT UNION

Eighteen preachers were assembled. Newcomer says he tarried with them until the 24th. He further records: "During my stay we discussed the propriety and practicality of a union between the two Societies. I laid the Discipline of the United Brethren before them for examination. They made no objections thereto; on the contrary appeared to approve the same cordially. They delivered to me a written communication on the subject, addressed to the Conference of the United Brethren, so I departed. Rode to Jacob Stamm's where I stayed for the night."

May 5, 1813, finds Newcomer with the draft for the proposed Discipline at Chr. Herr's in Manor Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, with his own conference brethren greatly divided. May 6th, he declares, witnessed a turbulent session; but on the 7th, bless the Lord, unanimity came to the conference. On that day Christian Newcomer was elected Bishop for one year, and four Commissioners on Union were elected in the persons of Christian Newcomer, Christian Crum, Joseph Hoffman, Jacob Baulus, to form a plan for a union between the United Brethren and the "so-called Albright people."

Energetically Bishop Newcomer pursued his goal of union. On November 10, 1813, he rode to John Walter's, where at Mr. Mock's he preached near New Berlin that night. On the next day began a council that lasted until the 13th of November, which in reality was the first commission meeting on union. Those representing the United Brethren were the four named above, and those of the Evangelical were George Miller, John Walter, John Dreisbach and Henry Niebel. Newcomer with regret wrote into his diary, "but we were not able to effect a union."

NEWCOMER PURSUES AN ONWARD COURSE

On April 1, 1815, Newcomer attended a meeting of the Albright Brethren near Conewago. On the third he rode with Henry Smidt to Jacob Kleinfelter's in York County, Pennsylvania, where the Albright Brethren had their conference. Henry Niebel was chairman and John Dreisbach secretary. The Evangelical Association then numbered 1,108 members. Fifteen itinerant preachers were assembled. Of this conference Newcomer writes: "I made another attempt to effect a union between the two societies, but in vain." On the 16th he says, "I rode to Martin Dreisbach's where I preached with great liberty. The 17th I preached at George Miller's; the 18th I remained here and had a long conversation with Miller and Niebel respecting the union of our societies but all in vain."

Nevertheless, fraternization went on apace. On Sunday, October 13, 1816, Bishop Newcomer attended services at Martin Dreisbach's. On the next day the General Conference of the Albright Brethren began there. It was here the name "Evangelical Association" was adopted; the printing establishment at New Berlin got a manager in Solomon Miller. The hymn-book, "Das Geistliche Saitenspiel," was ordered printed in an edition of 1,500 copies. The proposal for union that had grown out of long and careful study of the work of the two communions, which had begun almost simultaneously in the same area, with doctrines and polity so very similar, was given most painstaking consideration with the result that a committee of six was chosen to meet a similar committee of the United Brethren.

On February 14, 1817, at the farm home of Henry Kumler, Sr., near Greencastle, Franklin County, Pennsylvania, the delegations of six each, convened. Representing the United Brethren were Bishop Christian Newcomer, Joseph Hoffman, Jacob Baulus, Abraham Meyer, Christian Berger and Conrad Roth; those representing the Evangelical Association were, John Dreisbach, Henry Niebel, Solomon Miller, John Kleinfelter, David Thomas and Adam Ettinger.

There was Christian agreement at many points, yet some seeming insurmountable obstacles like huge island barriers lay in the way of imme-

diate union. The Evangelical delegation held that not both groups possessed the same authority to effect an organic union, in that the General Conference of the United Brethren reserved the right to review the entire matter and then decide the issue. United Brethren representatives, however, urged immediate union despite the difference in authority of action. Other points at which some problems arose were: the matter of clarity of the itinerant system for the ministry, which involved the matter of voting membership in the conferences; the true value and place of a Discipline as the authoritative law of the church; the place of local preachers in the conference set-up; and the question of a suitable name.

It seems at this significant moment the hour of destiny must strike, and those streamlets so close to a confluence must run together; yet those most deeply concerned felt they could not carry their total groups with them into the union.

"We prayed with and for each other, preached and exhorted alternately, bade each other Godspeed in our operations, and pledged ourselves to treat one another as Christians and children of God. The failure of this attempt to bring about the union of these two denominations displeased many members of both parties; yet, I believe, it grieved none so much as it did Father Newcomer and myself," wrote John Dreisbach.

WATERS KNEE-DEEP

"Again he measured a thousand, and brought me through the waters: the waters were to the knees," declared Ezekiel.

For nearly a century these denominational streams widened and deepened. Various proposals for union came to one or the other of our communions. It 1829 the then newly formed Methodist Protestant Church, not yet fully organized, with a membership of some 5,000, made an unsuccessful attempt to merge with the United Brethren.

In 1855 a proposal presented by Charles G. Kock was before the General Conference of the Evangelical Association at Lebanon, Pennsylvania, to effect an organic union with the United Brethren and the Wesleyan Methodists and others. The document was, however, not offered for immediate action, nor was it in official form; and in view of the splendid continuing development of each of these, no action was taken in that direction.

In 1859 Dr. William Nast of Cincinnati, strongest leader of the German Methodist work, plead for union at the Naperville General Conference of the Evangelical Association, and appeared again with a delegation in 1867. As far as 1871 and thereafter there were definite efforts under way to unite the Evangelical Association with the German Methodist work in the great Methodist Church.

In 1877 Rev. B. F. Booth was appointed fraternal delegate by the General Conference of the United Brethren. His very warm-hearted message was read to the Evangelical General Conference in 1879.

DIVIDING OF THE STREAMS OF CHURCH LIFE

In 1879 the Evangelical Association received an official invitation, which it accepted, to participate in the Methodist Ecumenical Council which was not held until 1891. By that time, due to very unfortunate misunderstandings that had arisen, the elected delegates, Bishops Rudolph Dubs and Rev. D. B. Beyers, could not attend.

These were the years in which many denominational streams were divided. Methodists, Baptists, Presbyterian, Lutherans, Reformed and others passed through periods of division as did our own two Churches. The issue of slavery, secret societies, church polity, the power and place of bishops, doctrinal disagreement, forms of worship were sometimes causes of such dissension.

THE RIVER DEEPENS

Fraternal relations between the United Brethren and the Evangelical denominations, however, deepened with the years. All through the expanding and developing periods of their separate and corporate existence there has been the greatest of mutuality and co-operation on many levels of our expanding operations.

The Churches followed the frontiers ever westward; by 1850 they had reached, and at points already crossed, the Mississippi River. The Sunday-school movement was widely heralded. The rapid missionary expansion was under way in North America and overseas. The language problem that came to all bilingual groups in North America was beginning to make itself felt, and became, until satisfactorily solved, a real barrier to steady growth and progress.

LOIN-DEEP WATERS

"Again he measured a thousand and brought me through; the waters were to the loins." It was about to reach the heart.

This third stage of increasing depth of the river of union may properly be stated to have begun in Atlanta, Georgia, in December, 1924, at the session of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, to which body both of our Communions have adhered since its origin in 1905. Well do I recall the fervor of our bishops and delegates who were privileged to attend said Atlanta meeting, as they returned from the special session of the United Brethren and Evangelical delegations in which meeting the question of the ripeness of the time for definite pursuit of the issue of organic union was uppermost.

Early in 1925 Dr. George W. Richards of the Reformed Theological Seminary had conceived the idea of the possibility of the organic union of the Evangelical Synod of North America, the Reformed Church in the U. S., the Church of the United Brethren in Christ and the Evangelical Church—the last named was the blessed result of organic union of the Evangelical Association with the United Evangelical Church effected at Detroit, Michigan, October 14, 1922. In view of the recent Evangelical union and the requirement of added time to solve a number of problems, together with the fact that negotiations were definitely now under way in the matter of union of the United Brethren and Evangelicals, the proposal of Doctor Richards and those associated with him did not materialize, so far as we are concerned; but it did result in the union in Cleveland, Ohio, some years later, of the Evangelical Synod and the Reformed Church into the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

UNION CURRENTS RUN FASTER

The currents of union now ran faster and faster. Fraternal delegates were sent to all the General Conferences. Bishop Bell (1926), Fout, Clippingier, Batdorf, plead the cause of union in Evangelical General Conference sessions while Bishops Breyfogel, Seager, Stamm, Maze and Epp appeared before United Brethren General Conference sessions at quadrennial intervals.

On December 27, 1932, the Board of Bishops of the Evangelical Church appointed Bishop M. T. Maze fraternal delegate to the United Brethren General Conference session in Akron, Ohio, where on May 9, 1933, he made this far-reaching proposal: "It is my very great pleasure to say to this General Conference that the Evangelical Church is ready to enter into negotiations with the Church of the United Brethren in Christ for the fullest possible spiritual and organic union, assuming, of course, that these negotiations will comprehend a careful and mutual willingness to make such unit adjustments as will make possible the greatest measure of efficiency for the united body."

To this, the said General Conference responded most heartily, believing such "merger would be for the glory of God and in the interest of economy and the rendering of a larger world service, directed that the negotiations be conducted by committees selected from each of the Commissions, with instructions to complete the work at as early a date as possible—and if agreement can be reached, to devise plans for the consummation of the union."

The General Conference of the Evangelical Church, meeting in the same city in October, 1934, gladly confirmed this proposal and instructed its commission "that a complete and detailed basis of merger, including the merging and establishing of institutions and boards for the proposed new

Church, shall be prepared by the commission of our denomination and presented to the General Conference before the General Conference of our church shall be asked to vote on such a church union."

OBSTACLES ARE SWEEPED AWAY

Under such mandate the commissioners were really in "water to the loins." The current was swift. The spirit ran high. The barriers to progress in the years that ensued sometimes seemed insurmountable, but many a "Cape of Storms" was by the grace of God and the consecrated judgment of Christian men dedicated to a great task, resolved into a "Cape of Good Hope" around which the river of union flowed steadily. Sometimes it seemed, as Bishop A. R. Clippinger was wont to declare, "Our debts and our endowments are our highest hurdles." At times it seemed that the then existing inequality of pension funds, the difficulties of union in the publishing interests, the matter of a proper name for the new church, and various elements of church polity would make impossible the union of these blessed rivers of spiritual life. Steadily but unmistakably they flowed nearer and nearer together, buried in the sea of forgetfulness.

Surely we would be derelict did we not pause here to pay verbal tribute to the unyielding faith, courage and devotion of the members of the two Commissions on Church Union, their co-chairmen, the secretaries, and the subcommittee members. Men tried and true, spiritual minded always, desirous to build an instrument of union that would stand the test of time and men! In the words of the immortal Lincoln at Gettysburg we say: "The world will not long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here."

A GLORIOUS ACHIEVEMENT

Out of the multiplicity of committee sessions and commission meetings has evolved our Plan and Basis of Union and the Discipline of The Evangelical United Brethren Church.

The twentieth day of February, 1942, records that the plummet of union measure went deep and the river gauge ran an all-time high, for there in the Empire Room of Hotel Cleveland the commissioners concluded their debate, the committees ceased for the time their labors, as the declaration of approval and adoption was read; and in the presence of each other the commissioners, beginning with their bishops, came forward one by one to sign the official document declaring:

"We, the members of the Commissions on Church Federation and Union of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ and of the Evangelical, in joint session, do hereby approve and adopt the Plan and Basis of Union and the Discipline of The Evangelical United Brethren Church, as jointly prepared for the organic union . . . and we herewith authorize and direct the Central Committee of the Joint Commissions to have printed this Plan and Basis of Union and the Discipline of The Evangelical United Brethren Church, and to transmit the same to the respective voting units as set forth. . . . We hereby witness our names as evidence of this action, dated this 20th day of February, 1942, in the City of Cleveland, State of Ohio, U. S. A."

THE CHURCH RESPONDS TO HIGH-MINDED LEADERSHIP

Then ensued in rapid sequence submission of the question of union according to the Plan to the General Conferences, the annual conferences and, in the case of the United Brethren, to local congregations, the result of which balloting the Boards of Bishops reported as follows:

A. In the Church of the United Brethren in Christ:

(1) The Thirty-fourth Session of the General Conference at Westerville, Ohio, on May 15, 1946, voted on the question of Union with the Evangelical Church according to the plans and provisions of the Plan and Basis of Union, casting 224 yea votes and 2 nay votes; total votes cast 226.

(2) The vote of the Annual Conferences of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ in their 1945 sessions on the same question, was 2,291 yea votes and 134 nay votes, totaling 2,425 votes.

(3) The vote on the same question of church union by the membership of the local churches of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, taken in January, 1946, resulted in 80,777 yea votes and 13,033 nay votes; totaling 93,810 votes.

B. In the Evangelical Church:

(1) The Thirty-third Session of the General Conference of the Evangelical Church, at Naperville, Illinois, October 13, 1942, voted on the question of union with the Church of the United Brethren in Christ according to the provisions of the Plan and Basis of Union, casting 226 yea votes and 6 nay votes, totaling 232 votes.

(2) The vote on the same question in the Annual Conferences of the Evangelical Church in North America taken at their 1945 and 1946 conference sessions resulted in 2,122 yea votes and 51 nay votes, totaling 2,173 votes.

All of the legal and constitutional requirements having been fully met, the Boards of Bishops of the uniting churches issued the call for sessions of the respective General Conferences and for a subsequent Joint Session of such General Conferences to convene at Johnstown, Pennsylvania, in November, 1946.

FLOOD STAGE OF THE RIVER OF UNION

"Afterward he measured a thousand, and it was a river I could not pass over; for the waters were risen, waters to swim in, a river that could not be passed over."

That flood stage of the river of union was reached here in Johnstown yesterday, November 16, 1946, when in the presence of the assembled delegates of The Evangelical United Brethren General Conference and a multitude of witnesses there was proclaimed to the wide world the glorious fact of our organic union in the confluence of these two blessed streams of religious life and spiritual activity to form once and for all The Evangelical United Brethren Church.

On May 31, 1889, after unprecedented rains a dam across the South Fork, 12 miles above the city of Johnstown, Pennsylvania, gave way, releasing a body of water sixty to seventy feet deep and 700 acres in area. The flood waters swept down the valley in a liquid, frenzied wall 20 feet high at a speed of 20 miles an hour, and within one hour almost wiped out this fair city of Johnstown and seven other towns in the Conemaugh Valley, destroying \$12,000,000 of property and wiping out the lives of some 2,000 to 3,000 citizens. All over this city and in Grandview Cemetery overlooking the same are the mute markers speaking eloquently of that disastrous, devastating flood. But Johnstown has now builded securely at enormous cost its flood-control dams so there shall be no recurrence of such terrible catastrophe.

Here in this city of Evangelical United Brethren influence has been sounded another river at flood stage—not a river of destruction but a blessed river of salvation whose rushing waters are for the healing of land and people. A river of Evangelism and Stewardship and Missions that rolls on into all the world. Its blessed waters lave many a shore. It is a river of enriching Christian fellowship. Everywhere its waters come newness of life ensues. Cities rise up on its verdant banks, cargo crowns its crest destined for far-away places.

*"Blest river of salvation
Pursue thy onward way;
Flow thou to every nation,
Nor in thy richness stay;
Stay not till all the lowly
Triumphant reach their home;
Stay not till all the holy
Proclaim, 'The Lord is come.'"*

(SAMUEL F. SMITH, 1832, American Hymn Writer.)

JUBILEE FELLOWSHIP ADDRESS

The Christian Church

By Bishop G. D. Batdorf

(An Address Delivered at the Uniting General Conference, Johnstown, Pennsylvania, on Sunday afternoon, November 17, 1946)

"For even as we have many members in one body, and all the members have not the same office; so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and severally members one of another."—Romans 12:9.

The Christian church is the symbol and proof of revealed religion in our human order. It is the body of Christ, the fellowship of the redeemed, created by the eternal Word of God made flesh in Jesus Christ and is always vitalized and guided by the Holy Spirit. It is builded by Christ himself upon an indestructible foundation and is, therefore, destined to outlast all time. The Christian church is altogether unique and distinctive in Christianity. There is no church in any of the ethnic religions of the world. It is primarily not an organization or an institution. The church is a living organism. It is a social and spiritual fellowship. It is the New Testament *koinonia*, embracing the saints triumphant in heaven and the saints militant on earth—one glorious fellowship—and it constitutes the new mode of God's presence in the world and a tangible form of his unbroken activity in history.

NECESSITY FOR THE CHURCH

The necessity of the church is at once seen when one contemplates the nature and essence of religion. Christianity is a spiritual energy. It needs a body in which it may become enrobed and manifest as well. It is only through the church that the Christian religion can extend its life and finally come into triumph in the world. The same is likewise true to every other energy both material and moral with which mankind has to do. Some definite form is needed in which such an energy can be embodied, in which it may be confined and conserved, and through which it can be released and finally fulfilled. Electricity would remain helpless without a tangible body. This mysterious and limitless force was always abundant in our world, but until men were able to give it a *body* through which to function it remained altogether unavailable and useless. Today the world stands aghast and bewildered in the presence of atomic energy which has just been discovered and released. Our scientists have now succeeded in giving it a body also through which it becomes usable to mankind. Truth needs schools and institutions and human persons to release its unconquerable power. It is only when truth becomes incarnate in personality that it may be crushed to earth and yet will rise again, for the eternal years of God are hers. The human personality needs a body also. Without such implementation in a carnate form, personality would have absolutely no meaning in this present order of things. Perhaps herein lies one of the strongest arguments in favor of a bodily resurrection. In the life hereafter the human spirit also needs a definite medium for self-revelation and full self-realization.

It is pre-eminently true with reference to religion. Christianity needs a body. That body is the Christian church. Before the Reformation, the word *church* always meant a visible institution, and that still remains its proper sense. It seems meaningless to think only of an invisible church, and altogether incongruous, if not futile, for believers in the Lord Jesus Christ to profess membership only in an invisible church and then refuse to unite themselves for witness and service with the organized and visible institution which alone can carry forward the purposes of God in the world. It is accepted, of course, that the historic expressions of religion are not religion itself. There is always danger of accepting the form for the essence and so lose the power thereof. Our Lord said: "The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit and they are life." Religion is *spirit*, but it is not disembodied spirit. Doctrines, creeds, worship and the embodiment of the essence of Christianity in a tangible community are so vital to its very nature that it cannot live without them. Whenever and wherever the church is made an

ongoing community, then and there the Christian religion is signalized by advance and triumph. Disembodied Christianity—that is, Christianity apart from the organized, visible church—has in the past not triumphed, and will not triumph or even survive in the future. The church is the only effective agent appointed of God by which the evangel from heaven can be brought to all the nations.

UNITY OF THE CHURCH

One of the basic characteristics of the church is its social and spiritual unity. It is the "one glorious church" destined to be "without spot or wrinkle." There is the picture of the church without a defect and with no divisions. Every type or symbol employed in the New Testament to set forth the manifold glory of the church has in it this attribute of unity. It is the holy temple of God, builded together for a habitation of God in the Spirit. Here is symmetry, design, beauty. It is an architectural unity. The church is the household of faith. It is a great family in which there is unity of life. Moreover, the church is a river of life; a bride adorned for her husband; the pillar and ground of the truth; the city of the great God. For nearly two thousand years the Christian church has publicly proclaimed its essential oneness. In unbroken succession, the disciples of Christ across the centuries have stood before him or knelt reverently at his feet and made their confession before the world: "I believe in the holy catholic church." Ordinarily when we use the word *catholic* we think of universality and all-inclusiveness. It means that. But primarily the word signifies an inner unity of life, the absence of all defects and excesses, which would divide or limit the church. *Catholic* means both unity and universality. There is a historical and a sectarian sense in which the ideal of catholicity has been applied. In its sectarian application it is a gross misnomer. To say, "Roman Catholic" or "Greek Catholic" means a contradiction of terms. If it is "Roman" or "Greek" it cannot be "catholic," and if it is truly catholic it can never be limited by either Roman or Greek. Therefore, Protestants of every name stand on the age-old historical meaning of that word. "I believe in the holy catholic church." One church, holy, ecumenical, eternal!

"We are not divided, all one body we,
One in hope and doctrine, one in charity."

No figure used in the Scriptures gives a more revealing picture of the glory and beauty of the church in its manifoldness and in its oneness than that of the human body. The church is the body of Christ. There are many members, but one body. It is not a oneness of sameness and uniformity but of manifold diversity. It is unity in plurality. For this our Lord prayed. "That they may all be one." The many are the one. The vast numbers of individual members, the varied constituent bodies merge into the one, universal and glorious church of the living God. In proportion, and as fast as that unity becomes openly manifest, which is the essential factor in the whole teaching of Christ, and in his prayer as well, the world is brought into faith and will finally come to know assuredly that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and that he was sent forth from God. These momentous days in which we live are tremulous with such a revealing. Present day movements are definitely in the direction of a deeper and more manifest unity in the body of Christ. More than a score great denominations have merged into organic unity in the recent years. There is profound significance in the fact that during the years when the nations of the world were breaking up into the most diastrous and destructive divisions, the ecumenical spirit was born anew in the Christian church. It has already united ninety-three separate Christian bodies in thirty-two different nations into a world-wide fellowship which is revealing the astounding spiritual splendor of an unbroken unity among Christian confessors throughout a divided and troubled world.

Yesterday our two great denominations were given a new enrobement, and accepted a new commission. The two streams of spiritual life and power which have flowed separately for these many years have come into confluence and united into a new river of life. At the confluence of the Monongahela and Allegheny rivers, the Ohio river is born and there begins its own new life. From that point on neither of the two rivers exists any

longer as a separate stream. It remains profoundly true, however, that all that those two rivers were in their separate flow and all that they had gathered up into themselves are now gathered up and forever carried forward in the mighty Ohio. It also remains true that the flow of each is necessary to perpetuate the flow of the new river that is born out of them. So also are these two historic Christian denominations. The same fountains of living waters that first gave them birth must continue to enrich and fulfil. They are no longer separate bodies as distinct legal entities. Each has merged into the new. But all that they are and have become in the one hundred and fifty years of meaningful and ever enlarging experiences and spiritual enrichment, and all that is sacred in holy memories and religious sentiment to each group, is likewise gathered up and forever preserved and perpetuated in the new denomination which is now neither the one nor the other, but a new creation thus making one—"The Evangelical United Brethren Church." Surely it is the Lord and it is marvellous in our eyes. Unitedly we face a new day. We must face it with high courage and undaunted faith.

GENIUS OF THE CHURCH'S SERVICE

The church is the witness to the spiritual. It is entrusted with the divine passion of redemption. Chosen of God to be the instrument of salvation to all the world it must carry the good news to every land and to every nation. Only so can the world at last be made a safe place for human life. Not by the destructive wastes of war with its deceptive futilities but by the silent forces of religion through the redeeming grace of our God will peace finally be established among men of good will. One of the most distinctive services which the church has rendered through the ages is that it has kept the soul of the world alive. In the very nature of its mission, it is to be expected that the church should grow by additions to its own membership, but its first concern is to bear witness to the spiritual. In the midst of our crass and sordid materialism and a humanistic interpretation of life, the church constantly affirms that man cannot live by bread alone. The only reason why this old world has not long since gone to wreck and ruin lies in the fact that it rests upon a spiritual foundation which was laid through long ages by the faith and patience and sacrifice of the church of the living God.

Perhaps the greatest contribution which the western world has made to our total civilization in recent years lies in the realm of her scientific conquests. Because of these marvellous achievements and the consequent material comforts and conveniences which have resulted, as well as our control of vast areas of physical forces, we have gradually and inevitably shifted away from a spiritual to a purely materialistic philosophy of the universe. Over against this the church maintains and proclaims a spiritual view of life, not only within her own sphere but also far beyond her vast frontiers. It asserts that life and the universe are essentially spiritual, that man is spirit and that he has serious and eternal business with the infinite Spirit.

The church is a medium of revelation. It is none other than the continued extension of the incarnation of the Son of God among men. Just as God revealed himself fully in his Son, so he now continues that revelation in the church. It is affirmed without any reservations that in a distinct sense God's revelation in Christ is complete and final. Christianity is his final religion to the world. In it God disclosed the ultimate meaning of human existence, and provided a way and a power for its fulfilment. Jesus Christ is the center of history. He is not only a way; he is the Way. He is not only a truth; he is the Truth. He is not only a life; he is the Life. "He that believeth on the Son hath the life." Through the believer, and in the redeemed fellowship, God continues that unveiling and constantly affirms it to every new generation throughout the stream of history. "I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. Howbeit, when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he shall guide you into all the truth; for he shall not speak from himself; but whatsoever things he shall hear, shall he speak; and he shall declare unto you the things that are to come." By this continued revealing of the Spirit through the church, the sense of the reality of that fixed historic

revelation is continued. But for such a continuing affirmation, the whole revelation, however authentic historically, would tend toward sterility and would issue more and more into a mere mythical fetish. "God, having of old time spoken unto the fathers in the prophets . . . hath at the end of these days spoken unto us in his Son." And he continues to speak in his church.

Another aspect of its service is proclamation. It announces the good tidings which are to all the people. God is sovereign. Man is a sinner. Christ is the answer and Savior. When Jesus returned to his childhood home and worshiped in the synagogue on the Sabbath day, he read a text from the Old Testament which fully summed up his own mission: "He anointed me to preach good tidings to the poor; he hath sent me to proclaim release to the captives, and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised; to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord." That is the gospel. It is indeed good news. It means not only that men are blind and poor and bruised and enslaved by sin and come under the righteous judgment of God, but that there is good news for them in the redeeming and forgiving love of God.

The whole world lieth in the wicked one. Only the church carries the message and hope of its redemption. The days are evil, but the vision is of God. On August 24, 410 A.D., Alaric, the wicked Hun, laid siege to ancient Rome. Chaos reigned everywhere. Cities were destroyed. Palaces and libraries were burned. Estates of the rich senators were ruined and all their wealth was confiscated. When he was done there was nothing left. *The Christian church was left.* Over the wreck, the church proclaimed its triumphant faith and again built a civilization the splendor of which far surpassed the glory that was Rome. It must be so now. That group of Christian leaders on the Problem of World Order which met at Girton College last August made this significant announcement: "No one knows how much time is given to mankind to find a way out of the political and economic conflicts of our day into an order of mutual trust and stable peace. But we do know that if the nations do not find a new way of regulating their relationships we are doomed to mutual destruction." In a crisis like this, only religion is sufficient. Once again the church must speak the word, and lead the way. The way will be more quickly and more surely found when the church is no longer divided and problem-conscious, but is united and power-conscious, and then goes forth with apostolic zeal in the irresistible might of her all-conquering Lord.

In closing a memorable sermon on the world mission of the church, the devout and eloquent Dr. Alexander MacLaren used these prophetic words: "Let no one say that because high noon is so long in coming that it will never come. Rather let him say as he stands in the gloaming and waits, how wonderful and all glorious must that coming high noon be whose dawning morning has lasted these nineteen hundred years." For the story must be told.

ADDRESS

The American Bible Society

By Dr. Robert T. Taylor, General Secretary

Bishop Weidler and Friends of The Evangelical United Brethren Church: Suppose I were to stand here today and say to you "Germany wants 12,000,000 Bibles, and nothing is being done about it." Suppose I were to say to you that the missionaries of this great united Church cannot get their translations published and distributed. Why, this Conference would take half a day to discuss the subject. I know you would. You would take time to appoint committees. You would say the keynote in our work is to see that people all over the world have the Scriptures. You are that kind of people.

May I say this one personal word? I have watched your progress toward union for a period of six years. I have been in some of your meetings. It

is an inspiration to me, and as one who travels over the Protestant churches of America, let me say to you that you are an inspiration, far more than you know, to the Christian church of America.

You would see to it that those Scriptures went forward. By the grace of God, by the planning of the Protestant churches of America, we do not have that problem today. Early in December, word came that Japan wanted two and a half million New Testaments. Within six weeks, 63,000 New Testaments were on the way. Within two months a million and a half New Testaments were on the presses and being bound in the most modern type of binding, the same kind of pocket books you see on the newsstands. Two hundred thousand a month were on their way to Japan. And some of you saw the letter which came the other day, telling of the young people who have New Testaments and have banded themselves together for the purpose of studying the New Testament. Hundreds of thousands of New Testaments in Japan, at a cost of \$600,000 because of your American Bible Society. I say it not because I represent it. I am your servant. You as a church have seen to it that you have an agency for doing the job.

Germany has been sent \$450,000 worth of Scriptures, more than two million volumes, and right now \$250,000 worth of binding materials are being sent to Germany, along with paper, so that the great presses at Stuttgart, under the direction of Bishop Hans Lilje of Germany, who was rescued from a German prison camp the night before he was to be killed the next morning, can be used under Bishop Lilje's direction to print a million editions of the Scriptures.

Every 25,000 pounds of cellulose or paper that goes into Germany takes more than 400 men off relief rolls and puts them to work publishing Bibles. That is what you are doing.

The Bible must be printed in the languages of people all over the world, so that millions of those people learning to read for the first time will read from the Book from which the greatness of America came, and must be distributed by faithful messengers.

Then in this country we have instituted Bible reading from Thanksgiving to Christmas, not only in this country, but all over the world. I hope you have ordered your material. If you have not, I hope you will send a wire to one of our offices tonight, so that you will get it by Sunday, so the people will be united in Bible reading from Thanksgiving to Christmas.

Universal Bible Sunday will be observed Sunday, December 8, and which this Church calls upon all its ministers to observe. I hope you preach your greatest sermon on December 8. And might I suggest that you take your text from the twenty-fourth chapter of Luke, where those two discouraged men started on the way home, and Jesus drew nigh unto them, and he treated their despair by opening the Scriptures to them, and after he opened the Scriptures to them they saw Jesus and they believed again and went back to work.

Your hope and your faith have been rooted in the realities of the Bible throughout the years. The United Brethren Church and the Evangelical Church have been staunch supporters of the American Bible Society. I know that support is going to continue in the united Church.

If the American Bible Society is to do its job, the job it needs to do in the world, it is going to have to have not \$350,000 a year from the churches of America, but \$1,100,000 a year from the Protestant churches in America, and we believe that the money is going to be forthcoming, because of the interest in the task that is to be done. That is just about five cents per church member per year.

A man came into my office the other day and said to me, "I want to give you a thousand dollars for the Scriptures in Japan." Of course, I listened. He said, "I want to tell you why. The day after the taking of Shanghai by the Japanese, a Japanese soldier, after all the looting and all the destruction that had been going on in Shanghai, came into a Chinese church where service was being held. And the Chinese pastor that Sunday morning was disturbed, and he went back to the Japanese soldier and asked him what he wanted. The Japanese soldier said, "Why, I have come to worship." He said "My grandfather was converted in a church just like this one, forty years

ago, and I have heard about this church." So the Chinese pastor, despite the fact that the city was being looted by Japanese soldiers that day, invited this Japanese soldier, it being communion Sunday, to participate with them in holy communion. "Now," said the man who sat at my desk, "The Japanese soldier has gone back to Asaki. He wants to come to America to study to be a Christian minister. He cannot come yet, and in the meantime he wants to distribute copies of the New Testament to the people of Asaki. Can you send him some? Can you take this thousand dollars for that purpose?"

What if I had said no? Praise God, I could say yes, and our gratitude goes to groups such as this. The Christian churches of America, through the American Bible Society, will continue to uphold the Bible, to promote its use, and when those from over the world come seeking the Scriptures with hungry hearts, we shall be able to say yes. Thank you. (Applause)

ADDRESS

The Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America

By Dr. Samuel McRae Caveri, Secretary

Bishop Dennis, Members of the General Conference and Friends: I count it a very high honor to be with you in this General Conference, on this inspiring occasion when The Evangelical United Brethren Church is beginning its life. It is a special joy to find such a spirit of harmony here that even an outsider like myself is bound to feel the spell of it. It seems to me that what you are doing here is setting a wonderful example for the whole church, following the philosophy of the psalmist of "How Good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

It is my happy privilege to bring you fraternal greetings, so far as I personally can, from the twenty-three other denominations that co-operate with you in the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America. I can assure you that they are warmly interested in your union. Your union takes place at a time when the general movement toward union seems to be at a rather low ebb. So what you are doing will, I am convinced, be a great stimulus to American Protestantism as a whole; more, perhaps, than you realize. Your superior achievement in drawing together in such a remarkable unanimity will have an influence that will reach far beyond your own bounds.

I take the opportunity also of bringing you a message of congratulation in behalf of the World Council of Churches, in the creation of which you are associated with more than ninety other churches in twenty-eight different countries. It may be a bit presumptuous for me to do this, for technically the World Council of Churches does not yet exist. It is still in the process of formulation. However, during the past year I have spent more than half of my time in Europe, with my base in Geneva at the headquarters of the World Council. I feel quite at home when I see our Swiss delegate here. It reminds me of a very remarkable experience in his country.

During that period I have been trying to help complete the organization of the World Council of Churches, and to prepare for its assembly in the summer of 1948, in which I hope that your Church will be well represented.

As the result of this experience, I am able to report to you that, not merely in our own country, but around the globe, the sense of oneness of Christians is taking a more visible form. For the first time in Protestant history, the churches of many different backgrounds, all the branches of the Reformation, and with them many of the Eastern orthodox family, are to have an event in which they can act together in a way that transcends the limits of nations. The fact that the churches of Christ are thus becoming an effective world communion at the very time the world from a political and economic standpoint has never been so terribly divided, must, I think, be regarded as the result of something more than human effort.

We must discern in it the Holy Spirit at work in the church. It seems to me to be nothing less than the providence of God that at just such a moment your union as Evangelical United Brethren is giving a fresh stimulus to the spirit of unity in the church throughout the world.

Perhaps it is appropriate, therefore, for me to take a few minutes this afternoon to interpret the larger Protestant fellowship of which you are a part. I shall try to do so by describing the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, not in terms of its organization or program of activities, but in terms of its essential genius and spirit, and its significance in the Christian movement in the world today. I shall briefly suggest five points, in all of which I believe I shall be voicing what you hope for in your relation as Evangelical United Brethren to your sister churches.

In the first place, this council is an instrument of church co-operation, of co-operation, not of union. You have yourselves gone beyond co-operation. But when we think of Protestantism as a whole, we know that union on any inclusive scale could come, or if it came, could be spiritually significant only if it were the result of a process of increasing fellowship and understanding and appreciation among the different branches of our Protestant heritage.

To create that kind of atmosphere, an atmosphere in which union might some day come on a large scale, is the function of the Federal Council.

Moreover, the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America rests upon the conviction that even within the framework of our inherited denominational system, there is sufficient spiritual unity to justify and to require our working together with others of like precious faith.

Our co-operation, therefore, is not a mere matter of expediency, or just a pragmatic thing. It is an expression of a deep Christian experience, the experience of discovering ourselves to be one in our relation to Jesus Christ, and also to be one in our central convictions as to Christian truths. For with due recognition of all our differences, there is an underlying oneness arising from the fact that we share a common faith in God and his forgiving love in Christ, and his redeeming power in the Holy Spirit, and his creative and renewing work in the community of faith.

The Federal Council is simply our common effort to express our common faith in a common fellowship, in a common witness, and in common action at those points at which real agreement is found.

Within the council circle there are those who expect this experience of fellowship and co-operation to lead, some day, if God be willing, to a union of Protestantism as a whole. But there are those who do not anticipate such a goal, and who are doubtful as to its wisdom.

The answer to that question, however, is for tomorrow. The issue for today is to join hands in common objectives and purposes in those areas in which God has shown us that we are already one.

So the Federal Council really is a council of churches, not a super-church, not any kind of ecclesiastical hierarchy. It is trying to provide for a truly democratic process of drawing the representatives of churches together in a climate of warm Christian fellowship, and so to facilitate the churches doing together those things which they themselves decide can be done better if they are done as parts of a common plan.

In the second place, the Federal Council is not an association of diverse and heterogeneous faiths, but it is a fellowship of churches which all confess Jesus Christ as Divine Lord and Savior. Beyond this central point the council does not go in matters of doctrine. They are the province of the individual churches, not of the council. But the Constitution is explicit at the point of saying that the churches which are to comprise its membership cling to the heart of historic faith that God has become incarnate in Jesus Christ; for without that we would have no real message for the world, no evangel, no good news. And it is because the council does have that belief in and insistence upon that great central witness to the Lordship of Jesus Christ and to the revelation of God in him, that evangelism is the central thing in the program of the council, the thing for which there is a larger personnel and a larger budget than any other part of the work of the Federal Council.

Possibly some of you are surprised to hear that. Possibly some of you are thinking that you have read more in the press about the work for world order or improvement of race relations, or things which are perhaps more spectacular in the eyes of the world. But it is the plain and simple fact, which any study of the Federal Council budget and staff will confirm, that the central thing in its program, the thing which receives the major emphasis, is its Christian witness and evangelism.

In the third place, the Federal Council represents, increasingly represents, one hopes, a common Protestant front in support of the priceless heritage that we all have in the Reformation. This does not mean that the council takes a negative, or an "anti" position toward any other group of Christians, but it does mean that as Protestants, as the literal meaning of the Latin *protestori* implies, we have something to testify for, and that we intend to bear that witness before the world in the most united manner possible.

We testify to the world by our association together that Protestantism in all its main branches is in agreement on certain cardinal points, that it is not a type of religious faith in which everybody believes what he happens to like, but that as parts of a great historic movement we hold together certain cardinal beliefs which are our guardians.

We may state these truths in various forms. For myself, I summarize them in the briefest possible form as follows:

A. Protestantism in all its forms insists upon the directness of man's relation to God, finding the saving act in the personal surrender of the soul to God in Jesus Christ. That meant to our forefathers and means today a great and necessary simplification of Christian faith.

B. Protestantism in all its forms sees in the Scriptures the decisive norm of spiritual authority, the anchor to keep it from drifting away from its permanent base in Christ.

C. Protestantism in all its forms proclaims the universal brotherhood of the believer, and that places high valuation on individuality and provides the spiritual bulwark of democracy.

D. Protestantism, again in all its forms, stresses religious liberty, and that leads to a renewal of the inner conscience and conviction, in contrast with compulsions imposed from without, and,

E. Protestantism, once again in all its forms, affords an enhanced appreciation of the common life and labor, and affirms the potential sanctity of lay life as well as of the monastic and the priestly. It thus imposes the principle of Christian stewardship in all callings, implying that the worker on the farm, or the mother in the family, may serve God just as truly as the priest at the altar.

Now I submit that if Protestantism in all its forms does hold such vital and life-giving truths as these, we as Protestants must be concerned to see that we have some way of testifying to them before the world.

In the fourth place, the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America is an instrument for bearing a *combined* witness to those principles derived from our Christian faith which must be applied in the social and political and international life of the world. It is a way of making clear to all nations that the churches are neither inarticulate nor hopelessly divided in the face of those *urgent* contemporary issues on which the peace and well-being of the world depends.

I suppose the most conspicuous illustration of this in the last few years in the life of the Federal Council has been the work of the council for a just and durable peace, under the leadership of that great Christian layman and expert in international affairs, Mr. John Foster Dulles, who has, I think, put the whole church deeply in his debt, whether one is thinking of the earliest statement like "The Six Pillars of Peace," or the more recent one on Soviet-American relations, which started out by affirming that war with Russia can be avoided, but that it must be avoided without compromise of our Christian convictions, and which submits that we believe sufficiently in the principles of our free society as derived from our Christian gospel to have confidence that in a peaceful competition with any other system, ours will prevail.

Fifth, and last, the Federal Council provides a channel for relating the American churches as a whole to the world-wide church as an ecumenical community. The most impressive illustration of this is the present program of Overseas Reconstruction and Relief.

I speak about this with considerable depth of feeling, because of my experience for eight months out of the past twelve months on the continent of Europe. To be on the continent of Europe in these terrible days after the war, is really to find yourself in a different world from that which we comfortable Americans in our relatively favored country know.

There were times when as I moved about among our Christian brethren on the continent of Europe when I felt that I really must have been transplanted to a different planet, or that if my feet were still on the old familiar earth, I must be in the grip of some awful nightmare.

Let me illustrate, if I may, rather briefly, by referring to Germany, where I spent the most of July. Germany is not the only place in Europe. I might refer to in this vein, although it is one of the places that challenges our Christian compassion and our sense of Christian brotherhood most profoundly.

I have to confess that no one can return from the continent of Europe, whatever part you think of, except for certain little islands in a great desert of human misery and suffering, like Switzerland and Sweden—no one can return without a considerable sense of depression.

Perhaps some of our people have the idea that the struggle for the preservation of Western civilization in Europe is nearly over. I am afraid that is not true. The outcome of the struggle still hangs in the balance, and it is at least possible that the expansion of the Soviet system westward might engulf the whole of the Continent and leave on that Continent, which we once thought of as a stronghold of Christianity, no place in which there is a free Christian society.

Let us take Germany as a special illustration. The food situation there is such that the German people, unless they can have very generous help from the outside, are going to go through a process of slow starvation. No one familiar with the situation will tell you that it is possible to raise sufficient food to feed the people of Germany as it is today, from which a large part of its agricultural area has been cut off. It is impossible for Germany to raise food to feed itself, under the best of conditions. The condition this winter, as the present crop becomes exhausted, will likely be worse than last winter.

The people will have no coal with which to heat their homes. Their only fuel will be such scraps of wood which they can gather in the forests.

There is no clothing, almost none which they can buy. They will have to depend upon their tattered clothing, or the clothing we are sending them.

And worse than this is the psychological attitude of the German people, who, hungry, ill fed, ill clothed, and without seeing any hope for the future, can hardly find anything worth living for. And I think it is only fair to say that something like of extreme cynicism has settled down upon a large part of the German people.

So the real danger is not at all what many people have thought, not in the prospect of any great military revival in Germany. The country is far too prostrate for that to happen. The real danger is that there will be something like a general social chaos.

I wonder whether Germany might not become on a large scale an illustration of our Lord's parable about the house from which the evil spirit has been banished, but now swept so clean that seven other devils will come in and take up lodgment there.

All this is a challenge to us, a challenge to the American people to help put the German economy on its feet, because that is the one way by which it is possible for democracy to be established in Germany. And as Germany goes, so, one believes, will most of the continent of Europe go.

However, I want to say a more objective word about what is happening through the work of the church, your church, our American churches, and the churches of other countries able to give assistance to their sister church in Germany. A truly magnificent program of reconstruction and relief

has been established, to which very generous contributions are being made from our own and other countries.

In Germany the organization known as Hilfswerk has been set up for all of the Protestant bodies, and it is really, along with the Roman Catholic, the one voluntary agency which covers the whole country, because all other community agencies, social work agencies such as we are familiar with in this country, completely broke down during the Nazi regime, and have not been restored.

What this agency is able to do, it is able to do because of your help and that of the other churches which are co-operating so effectively in the world service set up by the Federal Council and the Foreign Mission Conference of North America, as the medium for co-ordinating our efforts in both Europe and Asia.

Perhaps not all of you know on what a large scale this relief is now coming into being. Church World Service reports that more than a million dollars is being contributed by our American churches, either in the form of goods, food, clothing, medical supplies, and so on, or in the form of money. That, of course, is not all for Europe. Some of it is going to Asia. But the Christian people of this country directly through their churches, in addition to what they are doing through other agencies which they support as individuals, have been sending more than a million dollars worth of help to our stricken fellow Christians in other lands. The goal as recently set is two million dollars a month.

But I should not want you to think that that means it is to be valued only or chiefly in terms of statistics, or size. To my way of thinking, the great thing about it is that it is more than relief. It is relief on a substantial scale at a time when relief was never more needed. But it is relief, plus. It is relief with a great plus. It is relief plus the Christian witness. It is relief with the Christian witness because it is being given by the church in the name of Christ. And it is being distributed in other countries by the church in the name of Christ. And it is the Christian witness also to the real meaning of the ecumenical church, testifying to the fact that there is a real measure of truth in St. Paul's description of the Christian community as so truly one body that if one member suffers, all suffer with it.

I do not want to sit down without adding also that it may be that what is now being done through the church, as it becomes more truly a world-wide community, able in increasing measure to leap across these divisions of nations and races, may be the greatest force in promoting the unity of mankind.

We surely know now that we can never secure world peace and brotherhood simply through political machinery. We see clearly that the United Nations, for example, as constituted today, is as yet only a skeleton with no soul, and those bones will live only if the spirit of Christ can permeate them. But that spirit of Christ is at work in his church, which is more and more becoming one world-wide community. And if that spirit can grow stronger and stronger in the church, the church may make the greatest of all contributions, even to the political unity of mankind.

ADDRESS

National Anti-Saloon League

By Dr. G. W. Crabbe, Superintendent

Mr. Chairman, Members of the General Conference, and Friends: I greatly appreciate the opportunity of speaking to you on the occasion of the first General Conference of The Evangelical United Brethren Church.

I remember quite well as a member of the uniting conference where the branches of Methodism united, that great address made by Bishop Hughes in which he said: "The Methodists are all One People." So far as I have been able to observe, I see but very little difference, if any, between my friends of the United Brethren Church and those of the Evangelical Church.

I believe you would make pretty good Methodists, and I wish we were all United Evangelical Methodists together. (Applause)

My friends, the time has come when something must be done about the alcohol problem. It is not sufficient to say that the alcoholic is a sick man. I am willing to admit that he is a sick man, that he needs treatment, and that society owes something to him, but I am far more concerned about the young people of my country who have never become alcoholics. And it seems to me that the church must see to it that the young people know what alcohol is, what it is doing, and that they understand what it will do to them.

There are at the present time in this country 750,000 helpless alcoholics. There are 3,000,000 heavy drinkers in this country, and they are being added to at the rate of about 100,000 a year. That is not a healthy condition, and something must be done about it.

So far as the Anti-Saloon League is concerned, we are doing the best we can throughout the nation to reach our young people. We are needing more men in this work. If somehow I could lay upon the hearts of some young Christian ministers in this great Conference the urgency of this work so that they would be willing to give their lives to the fight against beverage alcohol, I would feel that the minutes I spend with you would be well spent.

Won't you pray over this? Won't you think about it? Won't you agree with me that one of the greatest enemies that the church has to deal with, is alcohol, and that we ought to be giving our lives to this special fact?

Personally, I am interested in what is being done in securing necessary money to take care of infantile paralysis. We are spending millions, trying to find out the cause of infantile paralysis. We know the cause of alcoholism. We do not have to spend anything to know about that. It seems to me, my friends, that we ought to be doing more about it than we are.

Now I want to use a homely illustration or two during the minutes I have, because I feel I can make my point better in that manner. You who happen to know me personally know that Mrs. Crabbe has not been well for some years. Last summer she spent some weeks in a hospital. When she came home she was confined to her bed, and, of course, to her room, and I was promoted to the kitchen. I do not know whether you ever had any experience in trying to prepare a tray that would make a sick person want to eat, whether they did or not.

One day Mrs. Crabbe said to me, "You have been around the house so much, now I think it might be well for you to go out into the country." I made a little trip into the country to a peach orchard. The farmer was a very close friend, and he gave me a great peach to take home to Mrs. Crabbe. It was the largest peach, and I think the most beautiful peach, I ever saw. I took it into the sick room and handed it to her. I said, "Mr. Barnes sent this to you." "Why," she said, "It is a peach." "Yes," I said, "and I have two bushels more in the car." She said "What are you going to do with them?" I said "I am going to put them up, of course."

Then she asked me this: "Where are you going to get the sugar?" I had not thought about that. (Laughter) I began to investigate, and I found we had five pounds of sugar in the house, six quarts of white Karo syrup, a number of jars of honey, and a bottle of saccharine. I went to work with those things, and I did a fairly good job, I thought.

Now you folks, you women, especially, were doing exactly the same thing I was doing, you were switching coupons, you were trading here and there, back and forth, trying to get hold of a little sugar to put up some fruit. And while we were doing that, men and women, this Government of ours was allowing one winery in California one million sugar points to be used in fortifying wine.

Now I say to you, that isn't good sense, and it isn't fair. And I am trying the best I can to get across to the people of this country what the alcohol business is doing to us as a nation.

I want to touch on one point. You may not agree with me, but I will forgive you if you will ask me to. This Government of ours has adopted the wrong policy so far as liquor and the young men are concerned. I am

absolutely opposed to conscripting young men and putting them into the Army, at least until our country changes its policy on the liquor question. (Applause)

Let me just give you a sample of what I am trying to say. Yonder in the Pacific there was a boy in the armed forces. He was in a submarine. Water was rationed in that submarine, but not beer. Three times a day the boys got water—beer whenever they wanted it. That boy got hold of an empty beer can, cleaned it, and when water ration time came, he filled it with water, and asked the privilege of putting that in a cold place so that he could have a cold drink when he wanted it. He was refused that privilege, and told that the cold place was for beer.

Now, friends, out of the Army and Navy are coming young men who are drinking, and who give as their excuse for drinking, that the water was unfit to drink, and that they learned to drink beer because of it.

I said to you I am trying to enlist young men. I approached a young man by the name of Wayne B. Foster in Columbus, Ohio, and asked him to go with me in this fight. I had a number of conferences with him before he went to war. I had heard from him after he went in. But when he went over to Normandy, a change came over him. I went to Columbus after he had returned. I called his home. His mother answered. She said, "You don't want Wayne." "Oh," I said, "I do want Wayne." She said, "Mr. Crabbe, he's drinking." I said, "Wayne drinking?" I thought we would have another Wayne "B" in this fight. I like that name, because it was the name of Wayne B. Wheeler. "Yes," she said, "He's drinking." I asked "Why is he drinking?" She answered, "Well, when they got to Normandy, the water was unfit to drink. Beer was cold. He learned to drink, and he is defending it."

My friends, the policy of this Government on the liquor business is the cause of that sort of thing, and before a bill is passed to conscript the boys of this country, I want the temperance forces of this nation to get busy and be heard in Washington. (Applause)

Now, what is the trouble with us? Why is it that we are not counting very much in this fight against the liquor traffic? I sometimes wish that I could just be back where I was when the presiding bishop came to the city of Dayton, Ohio. Bishop Clippinger, you were a young chap. We called you the boy preacher around Dayton at that time, and I was a boy myself. I wonder if we could do any better if we had our lives to live over? My life is too nearly run against the liquor traffic to say much about it.

But I am trying to plead with the young manhood and the ministry, the young men who will be the influence of tomorrow, that they do something about this.

Our trouble is men. To my mind it is simply this, that we do not care as we once cared. I am going to close with this story, given to me by Bishop Hughes sometime ago. I am giving him credit for it, because I am afraid he might tell it sometime and he might think he stole it from me. But he gave me the story.

Yonder in Washington was one of the great Senators from the State of Iowa, one of the great Christian laymen of his day. My friends, I wish we could say that in the United States Senate and the Congress of the United States, that the predominant influence and strength of those great bodies was wielded by Christian men and women, as it once was.

This great Senator was attending a dinner. At that dinner were outstanding public men of his day, Congressmen, Senators, Judges of the Supreme Court, members of the President's Cabinet, outstanding foreign diplomats. There was also at that dinner the Senator's aged father, a retired Methodist minister. After the dinner was over, and a number of guests had departed, the Senator noticed his father talking to the outstanding foreign diplomat of his day. As he approached, he heard his father ask this question of that great man: "My brother, how is it with your soul?" We used to hear that, men and women. We do not hear it very much any more. I wish we would. (Amen)

The Senator did not think that was quite the time or place for such a

question, and he edged his way in, and the father retired and the diplomat went his way. Just a few very weeks after that, that father died. His funeral was preached at the home of the Senator. It was attended by outstanding public men of his day. At that funeral were a number of very wonderful floral tributes. There was one that seemed to be far more beautiful than any of the rest—expensive flowers, put together by the hands of an artist. With that great floral tribute was just a little envelope, in that envelope a little card, signed by that foreign diplomat, and on that card these words: "To the man who cared for my soul."

Men and women, what the church needs today—I speak to you as a layman, we need men and women who care for the souls of men. (Amen) God help us, men and women, just to care—just to care. Thank you, Bishop. (Applause)

ADDRESSES—REPORTS ON "CHURCH INTERESTS"

(From this point up to "Reference Materials Selected from the Official White Book" some of the addresses assume the form of report, but, in reality, do not belong to the category of reports presented to the General Conference for adoption. Rather, they are statements concerning work done in certain fields by church leaders.—Editors)

THE OTTERBEIN PRESS

By Dr. L. L. Huffman, Publishing Agent

Mr. Bishop, Members of this first Evangelical United Brethren General Conference, and Christian Friends: It is indeed a unique and rare privilege which is mine of being the first to present one of the great interests of our Church. I did not know just how to do that. I worried a little about being first on the program. I thought if I could just know what my good friend, Roy, was going to say, then it would be all right. Then I realized that he did not know what I was going to say, so we would both be in about the same boat.

First of all, I think I should like to present to the delegates coming into this General Conference from the former Evangelical Church a little souvenir, which the Otterbein Press, of Dayton, Ohio, prepared for the last session of the General Conference of the former Church of the United Brethren in Christ, in presenting the Publishing Agent's report to that Conference. If I may have a few minutes, I think we can distribute them now to you, if we may have, Bishop, one of the boards of tellers to help us distribute them, and the chairman of each delegation on the Evangelical side of our communion can help distribute them, one to each (former) Evangelical delegate.

(At this time Group No. 2 of tellers distributed for Dr. L. L. Huffman the souvenir booklet prepared by the Otterbein Press, entitled: Milestones on the Highway of Service.)

I think I can continue and use my six minutes while they are distributing these booklets. This booklet has already been distributed to the (former) United Brethren delegates. I might say that we have quite a quantity for visitors down in the bookstore. If you care to come down there, you may have one as long as they last.

First of all, let me say that I am aware that in our Church, at least in this country, we have two great publishing houses. We have first The Evangelical Press, and I am well aware of the fine publishing house we have in that Press. We, too, feel that our Church is blessed with a fine publishing house in the city of Dayton—the Otterbein Press. For some details about the Otterbein Press, I refer you to the booklet. And so my presentation is made, as far as that is concerned, by the booklet.

Just one final word, though: As you read the booklet, the only thing I want to call to your attention just now is the end sheet, where we have a little emblem showing two men clasping hands, holding hands, at least,

under the slogan: "Forward Together," and under that a little work of art. We have said, and this is quoted from our Discipline: "The name of this united church shall be The Evangelical United Brethren Church" . . . "AND THUS JOINING HANDS THE SONS OF ALBRIGHT AND OTTERBEIN MARCH 'FORWARD TOGETHER' FOR CHRIST AND THE CHURCH IN A COMMON FAITH AND A UNITED FUTURE."

We believe that expresses the spirit of the Otterbein Press, as well as the spirit of the Evangelical Press. We are here to serve the Church. We are to serve the Church in its forward march together in fellowship; we are to serve the Church in a united common program; we are to serve the Church as each of us give service to the Church and to the Master. And I have said this—there is only one way we can look, only one way we can go today, and that is FORWARD.

We have taken a great step. Our hearts are thrilled as we realize that the days of courtship between these two communions are over, the marriage ceremony has been celebrated this morning, and we are ready to spend the honeymoon days together, and after the honeymoon to go out to our various posts to serve this great Church of ours as it MARCHES FORWARD TOGETHER.

There is only one way we can go FORWARD, and that is TOGETHER, hitched up together as a great team. We can go forward not when the United Brethren pull and then the Evangelicals pull, but as the *Evangelical United Brethren* pull TOGETHER. And let us all, every one of us, lend ourselves to that *united* purpose and *united* effort, and together we can GO FORWARD.

To that purpose, the Otterbein Press, its employees, its equipment, everything that it is and has, dedicates itself, to the united Church, The Evangelical United Brethren Church, for service for the church and our Master. Thank you. (Applause)

THE EVANGELICAL PRESS

By Mr. Roy H. Stetler, Publishing Agent

Mr. Chairman, Members of the General Conference of The Evangelical United Brethren Church, and Christian Friends: I cannot begin to tell you my feelings as I stand before you on this great occasion. I feel very, very humble.

The history of the Evangelical Press from its small beginnings in New Berlin, Pennsylvania, down through the years, until we find it located in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, is a modern miracle of Almighty God—starting with a little room, with few employees, and now engaged in a great business with a large building and 237 employees.

Our fathers founded the publishing house with the idea of spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ through the means of the printed page. On this premise we have tried to give precedence to the work of our publications.

The need for Christian leadership has never been greater. The ills of the world will be cured only through the power of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

The purpose of our Publishing Interests originally established was for this spreading of the gospel of Christ. The surplus profits, if any, are to go to the support of ministers who have been retired and to the wives and families of deceased ministers.

Our total assets today are over one million dollars. We are entirely free of debt, and have besides a reserve of approximately one hundred thousand dollars. The purpose for which that surplus will be used will be to re-equip and replenish our worn out machines when such machinery is available.

The sales for our quadrennium, just closed, amounted to \$5,546,000. The net profit on these sales was \$460,496. From these profits we gave to our pension fund, \$89,132, and to the annual conferences \$67,000. I do not imagine that you will remember these figures, but at least it gives us something to give to you in a little picture of your publishing house.

It is now *your* publishing house, if you please. It belongs to The Evan-

gelical United Brethren Church, and The Evangelical United Brethren Church belongs to Jesus Christ, so it is his publishing house, and we are servants of his.

If we get the same fine co-operation in this merged Church as we have gotten in the past from the Evangelical Church, and I anticipate we will—it really ought to be better—then I am not worried at all, because the Evangelical Church all through the history of the years, particularly on the part of our ministers, has given us very, very loyal support and co-operation.

So in closing, may I plead with you in this moment that you give us your full co-operation. It is His business. We are but human men and women, elected by you to carry on His work. And if we are to carry on His work, may I ask for one more thing—and I say this with all earnestness—you may forget everything I have said, but in your devotions from day to day, do not just imagine that we have easy sailing, that it is just a commercial business of the Church, but rather, will you not, at least, occasionally, remember us who are trying to serve you, by asking God to bless us? Thank you. (Applause)

THE PUBLISHING HOUSE OF SWITZERLAND

By Rev. Frederick Gloor, Publishing Agent

And now, dear Bishops and Brothers and Sisters in Christ, inasmuch as our publishing house in Berne is so very small, may I forget that for a moment? I did not know that I was to speak to this subject until I came to this very beautiful church this morning. It is not easy for a Swiss—using a colloquialism now, to pour or shake an address out of his sleeve, as they say in Switzerland, and especially if one comes from the city of Berne. The people of Berne are regarded as slow, and at times are ridiculed because of their tardiness. If one happens to be late, they say, as a rule, "He is from Berne." (Laughter) Although I have spoken about pouring this out of my sleeve, I do want to talk from my heart—out of my heart.

First of all, our heartiest greetings and prayers for God's blessing upon this merger of our Church coming from our Switzerland Conference. With great interest we have been reading and following the actions and transactions concerning this merger.

During the war years, we could learn very little, because the intercourse and the communications were broken, and the periodicals did not come overseas.

Now may I be permitted to say something very personal? I had the opportunity last week to see the graves and the markers at these graves of Jacob Albright and Philip Otterbein. As I stood at the grave of Jacob Albright, very serious thoughts filled my mind, and moved me. I said to myself, "Where would you be today if this man had not been called of God to be an instrument for the saving of souls?"

The bearers of the gospel came from America to us, to the hills of our beautiful Switzerland, and I am permitted to be a fruit of their labor. Even today it seems great and wonderful to me how God found me way back there in the mountains.

And as I stood at the grave of Otterbein in Baltimore, there beside the oldest church of the United Brethren in Christ, as they were known, I said to myself: "Surely many a person has had the same experience that I had."

Now, concerning our publishing house in Berne, I have already said it is very modest, that I cannot speak very much about it. We do not have our own printing establishment, such as our large publishing houses in America have. We have a fine bookstore and a branch store in the city of Thun. But everything that we publish, periodicals and books, all of these things, have to be printed outside of our publishing house.

Within the last year, we have published a number of our own books, in our own right, and they were well received. Our publishing house is in active association, I might almost say in partnership, with the Christian Publishing House of the Methodist Church in Zurich.

Although we have such a modest publishing house, I am able to say that God's blessing has rested upon our labor, and we still have a mission for our publishing house. I probably have spoken too long, and yet if I am permitted, there is something I would still like to say.

As the members of the former Evangelical Church know, our German periodical of the Evangelical Church, will be discontinued at the end of the year. I would like to do a little bit of business now. I would like to solicit subscriptions for the *Evangelischer Botschafter*, published in Berne. It is a good devotional paper, and our editor understands his work. The subscription price for the next year is \$2.00, postage included. If you want to subscribe, give me your name—do not give me any money. People are apt to lose money if you give them money. You will get your bill, and then you can pay. I believe that the people who hitherto have had a German church periodical will be glad enough to get another one printed in German. The paper is published in German.

God bless our publishing houses in America, and grant that they may fulfill their purpose. That is all. (Applause)

OUR PUBLISHING INTERESTS IN GERMANY

By Bishop G. E. Epp

Mr. President, Members of the General Conference, and Friends: I presume the only reason I have this privilege is because of the fact that during the past decade I have been the presiding bishop of the missions and the conferences of our Church work in Europe. It is a delightful privilege to have a native, such as you had standing before you in the person of the speaker just preceding, speak of the blessings and the outreach of the work of publications.

It is my privilege to speak of the Mother House of Publication, namely, *Das Christliche Verlagshaus*, meaning the Christian Publishing House, GMBH (*Gellschaft mit beschraenkter haft*) in German, meaning Incorporated.

It was on the ninth of September, 1850, in the city of Pittsburgh where the first missionary of the Evangelical group of our new communion was appointed to go to the land of the Reformation—Rev. John Conrad Link, in response to the urgent appeal of a native of Wurttemberg, Sebastian Kurz, who in York County, Pennsylvania, five years before had through the ministry of an Evangelical missionary come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ, and who through the urge of his heart returned to his own country, Bonlanden, in Germany, there to evangelize his own native village, and who shortly thereafter reported through the *Christlicher Botschafter*, the German periodical of our communion in America, that already he had established, by the grace of God, three classes, and plead for the sending of a missionary.

In response to that came Rev. John Conrad Link.

The publishing house at Stuttgart arose in answer to a great and deeply felt need. Upon it, in the production of Sunday-school, devotional and other types of literature, rested constantly through the decades the visible blessing of God, as evidenced in the development of the institution.

Prior to World War I, it served all our interests of church life in Germany, Switzerland, France, Poland and Latvia. But by the exigencies of war, the first World War, the work that Brother Gloor represents as Publisher came into separate being.

The House at 109 Sennfelder Strasse (Street) in Stuttgart is a casualty of World War II. In Stuttgart, a city that had some 72,000 family housing units, only 2,000 remained undamaged by the terror that flew through the night, and our publishing house was one of the casualties.

Today there is only ruins, but out of the rubble they have rescued and reconstructed some pieces of machinery, and have started in the basement to begin the publication, on a very limited basis, of literature.

There were three units, interdependent corporations. The one was the Herald Publishing Association, which dealt with the creation of books of various types. There was the Christian Publishing House, the mother corporation, and there was produced in the Stuttgart Evangelical Press the Sanger Crosse, or the Choir Guild, musical selections for the free churches of Germany.

This work has of necessity been lost since the bombing. The editor of the Evangelischer Botschafter, or Evangelical Messenger in Stuttgart, the Rev. Henry Pefflin, also was a casualty of the war, and the board of trustees pressed into service again the superannuated editor, Max Richter.

The House, now in the process of rehabilitation, which is meagre, is in control of the United States Military Government in Stuttgart. In negotiating with the military control officials, we are endeavoring to secure permission for the re-establishment of the total series of church papers.

The greatest needs are a building and machinery. The destruction of Bibles and hymnbooks, the absence, through Nazi interference during the war, of all Christian literature, is one of the greatest challenging calls to our Communion today to rehabilitate, to help re-establish the publishing house in Stuttgart. This is the day of our great opportunity. (Applause)

THE RELIGIOUS TELESCOPE

By Dr. W. E. Snyder, Editor

Mr. Bishop, and Members of the Conference: After the distribution of that souvenir booklet relative to the United Brethren Publishing House, by Doctor Huffman, there is really little more to be said. About everything I might say has been washed out by what you will find in much better form in that booklet.

Sometime ago it was my privilege to be in an editorial meeting in connection with our editorial organization, at which there were some thirty church publications or religious publications represented.

In an informal discussion the matter arose of the relative ages of the different publications that were represented in that meeting, and the chairman asked for a show of hands of all editors of publications that were over a hundred years old. Out of the thirty or more publications represented, there were only five that had attained the age of one hundred years and over. I was gratified to note that the Religious Telescope was one of the five.

The Telescope began its existence in 1834, and with its inauguration began a new epoch in the history of the United Brethren Church. For over a hundred years it has been serving the Church, supporting every department of activity and every agency that has to do with the advancement of the denomination. I hope it has not lived in vain.

Calvin Coolidge said just a short time before his death: "We are living in a new order of things," and then added the words: "to which I do not belong." Well, that would be characteristic of Calvin Coolidge. The Religious Telescope might say today that we are entering into a new order of things to which we do not belong. But it is not going to say that.

With the washing out of its own identity, the Religious Telescope enters into a new and larger field of service, and it belongs to the age in which it has been existing, just as it has belonged to every age through which it has passed. And so we are expecting it to live on, in a little different form from what it has been, just as we expect to live on after a time in a little different form from that in which we are living today.

It has been my privilege to be identified with the Telescope as an editor, first as an associate editor, then the editor-in-chief—it has been my privilege to be thus associated with our church paper for twenty-five and one-half years. Just now I am accompanying the Telescope to a place, possibly not right in the forefront, but on the side lines, as the result of the action our own United Brethren General Conference took yesterday. Thank you. (Applause)

THE EVANGELICAL-MESSENGER

By Dr. E. G. Frye, Honorary Editor

Mr. Chairman, and Members of the General Conference: The Evangelical Church has had two official periodicals, first of all the German periodical known as the *Evangelischer Botschafter*, and The Evangelical-Messenger. The *Botschafter* appeared first for a number of years, then as the English constituency increased in the Church. The Evangelical-Messenger was made the English weekly of the denomination. In 1848, the first issue appeared—dated January 8—and it is now completing its ninety-ninth volume. I am sorry that they did not begin a year earlier, so that this could have been the hundredth volume.

It has varied in size, from a four page semi-monthly at the beginning to the present size of twenty-four pages, which is not the size that it has been at other times, for it was thirty-two pages until the paper shortage and other conditions made this reduction necessary.

It has reached its highest point in circulation at the present time, having nearly 22,000 subscribers, outside of two or three years following the merger of *The Evangelical*, which was the official organ of the United Evangelical Church and The Evangelical Messenger.

When it becomes merged with The Religious Telescope under the new name, it will have a circulation of forty-five or fifty thousand, and that means a reading constituency of 150,000 people, at least, and it will have a very great opportunity, because among its readers will be the leaders, the officials of our churches, and the pastors.

During the twenty-seven years it has been my privilege to edit the paper, there have been certain great projects which it has helped, I am sure. I mention but two this afternoon. One of them was the merger of The Evangelical Association and The United Evangelical Church, which was completed back in 1922.

It has always been for these mergers, and has of necessity happened to promote the present merger proposal within our Church—the Evangelical Church. We from the very beginning have been for it, and I feel that we have had a definite part in this great achievement which we are celebrating today, the merger which has now been completed.

I am glad that I have had a share in this. I feel somewhat like the young preacher in the story which was told by Dr. George A. Gordon.

He tells of a young preacher back in the early days of his ministry (and I think it was he himself, although he does not say so), who was being installed in a Congregational church. Their committee, whatever it is called, met to install him, and first of all to investigate him, to find out what his theological beliefs were. Those were the days of theological controversy, as you know.

All day long they had this young preacher in the church, questioning him, and arguing back and forth, until they had his nerves nearly worn to a frazzle. Toward the close of the day, they asked him, among other questions, if he was willing to be damned for the glory of God—and that was something. After thinking a moment he said no, but he was perfectly willing that his questioners should be damned for the glory of God.

Finally, the questions got around to the matter of personal salvation, and the particular point they asked was whether he thought a man could be saved—whether he was saved out of grace, or whether he had some part in it himself. The old brother who was speaking to him asked if he thought that the man who was healed of a withered arm by his master had anything to do with it, or if it was all the master's work. Finally, he said he thought that the man with the withered arm had a hand in it. (Laughter)

I am happy this afternoon to say that in this great merger I have had a hand in it. I have been fighting for it from the beginning. It was my privilege to give the fraternal address at the Chambersburg Conference of the United Brethren Church, in which I addressed myself entirely to the question, not urging the Conference to commit themselves, but giving my own reasons for believing that it was the thing which should be done.

I have sought to have the paper meet two goals: first to be a Church paper. That is what it was created for, and what it has been maintained for, and for which the Church has elected an editor. And I have always made it responsive to the need and the call of the Church. And, secondly, I have tried to make it exalt Jesus Christ.

As I said in my address at our Evangelical General Conference the other night, those are not two points, they are only one, because the Church has desired its paper to exalt our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

I have been thankful for these twenty-seven years during which it has been my privilege to edit the paper, besides four more years as assistant editor. I retire with a great deal of regret when I think of the great opportunity that awaits those who will succeed me in the position which I have occupied.

THE WATCHWORD

By Dr. E. E. Harris, Editor

Mr. Chairman, and Members of the General Conference, and Friends: I am very happy this afternoon to have this privilege of saying just a few words to you concerning the periodical that has been known for many years as the Young People's periodical of the United Brethren Church.

I cannot take time today to answer all the questions that might be asked concerning this Young People's paper, questions that are very frequently asked, sometimes asked when I make my visits to churches, and that have been asked since coming to this General Conference.

One is "Where do you get all the jokes that appear on the last page of The Watchword. I make no attempt to answer that this afternoon, or answer why people often read them while the preacher is speaking. (Laughter). There are a lot of other questions I do not attempt to answer today in this little paper, for I am reading a little paper here this afternoon as my part in this presentation. Seldom do I present a speech in this fashion.

The facts that I present this afternoon are largely historical and become the heritage of The Evangelical United Brethren Church. I want to preserve for my own consolation and inspiration, across the years, some of these things, and, therefore, I have written them down.

THE PAPER

Fifty-three years of Watchword history look down upon us today, and the service and achievements of this period will not be despised. When any church periodical serves this constituency acceptably and effectively for a period of more than half a century, there is something about the testimony of such a long period of service that merits our attention and careful consideration.

Prior to 1890, there was a growing feeling in the Church of the United Brethren in Christ that there must be brought into being a General Young People's Union. The crystallization of this widespread desire and demand found its expression in 1890, when the general Young People's Union was organized.

It was not long until the discovery was made that if the Young People's Union was to succeed, as it might succeed, there must be a young people's periodical which would serve as a channel of expression and service to the many local churches which now were giving specific attention to the organization of young people's societies. Consequently, The Young People's Watchword, now more generally known as *The Watchword*, was started on its career, and the first issue went to the members of the Church under the date of September 2, 1893.

When The Watchword took its place in the family of young people's periodicals of America, the Christian Endeavor movement was only a little more than ten years old. While serving under a different banner for a time

from that which marked the general Christian Endeavor movement, nevertheless, essentially, as far as ideals and service were concerned, it was a part of that movement.

The first editor of The Watchword was Dr. Henry Fox Shupe, a member of the Allegheny Conference. Doctor Shupe carried a great heart and was a great editor. For a period of exactly one-third of a century he poured out his life for the youth of the Church, and devoted his wisdom and editorial skill in making The Watchword one of the outstanding youth publications of America, as an outstanding, interdenominational youth leader of America said before a convention of thousands of people shortly after Doctor Shupe's death. It can be said sincerely and honestly that the present editor has sought to carry on with the same high ideals and devotion which characterized the first editor of this young people's paper.

The Watchword began its service as an eight page periodical, but within a few years the necessity of reducing the size of the page and increasing the number of pages became apparent, and before the close of the past century it became a sixteen page periodical, and has remained so ever since, with the exception of a few months during two or three emergencies.

This youth weekly has been marked by a number of specific characteristics. Within a comparatively short time after its beginning it became very apparent that two outstanding characteristics would need to mark its life and content.

First, it must be a channel of helpful promotional materials for young people's societies, and the discovery was made that it must also carry human interest materials, such as stories and articles dealing with the things which are common to the thinking and life of older young people in the church.

With the addition of certain other features across the years, these two specific characteristics have been maintained, and have had no little to do in giving it the distinction of being one of the most widely circulated denominational young people's papers, measured on the basis of denominational membership, to be found anywhere in Christendom.

I am thoroughly convinced that its present circulation, which is standing near the sixty thousand mark, with an approximate reading public of one hundred and fifty thousand, and its high standing among the people of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, is due in very large measure to the dramatic character of much of its content.

Within very recent years, we have been hearing much about the necessity and demand for visual education. This demand is based largely upon human interest in the dramatic. Such a thing is not new in any sense with the young people's periodical of the United Brethren Church, for it began to meet that demand through its high grade stories nearly a half a century ago.

From the very beginning of its ministry, The Watchword has had but one definite purpose, and that has been to develop Christlike young people in the church and for the Kingdom. For many years we had before us the motto; or slogan, "For the Glory of God and the Salvation of Men." There has been no deviation from this fundamental slogan at any time during the fifty-three years of Watchword service. For twenty years the motto of the present editor has been that of CHRISTIAN SERVICE, and The Watchword and its editor come to this General Conference unafraid to stand upon the record of this periodical which has served multitudes and inspired great numbers of young people to the higher life in Jesus Christ. This young people's periodical has witnessed the decline and death of many young people's magazines, but neither of these unfavorable characteristics mark its existence.

Whatever may be the verdict of church union in relation to The Watchword, I make bold to say today that the pages of history of the denomination which it has represented and the Kingdom which it has served will forever mark a bright spot in the onward march of the Church of Jesus Christ. (Applause)

THE EVANGELICAL CRUSADER

By Dr. Raymond M. Veh, Editor

Less than two years ago the world stood aghast at the retreat of the Allied Armies in the Battle of the Bulge. Releases stated that the soldiers defending the much fought over city of Aachen were fourteen-year-old German boys. Trained by the Nazis to hate, they thrust themselves into battle without a thought of themselves. Little wonder that this was one of the worst of the European battles.

Our generation is aware, as possibly few preceding ones have been, that those who control the thinking of youth shape the future. On this premise it has been the endeavor of The Evangelical Crusader:

1. *To give youth something for the head.* This generation has been fed on pernicious and dangerous propaganda. The endless flow of lurid comics, pulp magazines and questionable radio programs are the daily diet of millions of youth. Peculiar brands of religion are propagated until the people are bewildered. In the midst of the clangor and the din of our day I hear the words of Daniel Webster who one hundred years ago said, "If religious literature is not widely circulated among the masses of this country and the people do not become religious, I do not know what will become of us as a nation." Indeed, there is need for clarion sounding forth of the eternal verities for such a time as this.

The Evangelical Crusader endeavors to present the truth—the truth of God as revealed in and through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free" is the Christian's glorious challenge and privilege.

In our publication, we have presented articles to stimulate creative thinking, stories to enrich the concepts of abundant living, and editorials expressing the highest values which those older and more experienced have tried to impress upon each generation of youth.

Indeed, it is the endeavor of The Crusader to give youth something for the mind.

It has been the endeavor of The Evangelical Crusader:

2. *To give youth something for the heart.* As I contact literally thousands of youth each year, my greatest burden is that so few young people really have a God-consciousness. Yes, there is a deep, resident hunger after the reality which youth know can be found in God's universe, but in the frothiness and blase attitudes of our day such hunger is too often stifled by common and even unworthy offerings.

We believe the mind is the gateway to the heart, and vice versa. That youth sense that relationship is revealed in the favorite hymn of millions of adolescents, "I Would Be True, for there are those who trust me, I would be pure for there are those who care: I would be strong for there is much to suffer; I would be brave, for there is much to dare; I would be friend of all, the foe, the friendless; I would be giving and forget the gift; I would be humble and forget my weakness; I would look up and laugh, and love and lift."

Tennyson has Gareth, the adolescent lad in his "Idylls of the King," express youth's spiritual desire for heart-infilling and for the right to idealistic living when he cries out to his mother, "Live pure, speak true, right wrong, follow the Christ, the King— else wherefore born?"

Through every issue of The Evangelical Crusader runs the underlying theme of giving youth nourishment for the heart. Nothing so stimulates us and sends us to our knees in prayer as when a reader writes of spiritual help and vision given through editorials which have come from our pen, or in articles and stories from the pens of others. It causes us to cry out with Longfellow's hero in the memorable poem, "Excelsior"—"Onward, Upward."

Dr. Merton S. Rice aptly says "Religion without education produces fanatics; education without religion, sophisticates." We need religion and education in balance for well rounded Christian living.

Thus The Evangelical Crusader endeavors secondly, to give to youth something for the head and something for the heart.

It has been the endeavor of The Evangelical Crusader:

3. *To give youth a love for the church.* Charles W. Atkins defines the church as "a light by which to live, a music by which to march." That church which gives to youth light and music and the call to service will have the response of youth. One of the earliest publications that I can recall reading was our denomination's youth weekly. I followed it avidly. Our church weekly was persued by myself as a boy of fourteen. Our denomination became a personal friend and has befriended me during the years.

Thus when the Church entrusted the editorship of its youth publication to this servant, emotions of high joy and deep loyalty surged through our soul. For the years of the tenure of our office I have endeavored to give youth a larger appreciation of the church, a knowledge of its pastors and officials, a love for its Divine Leader. This year The Crusader observed its Golden Jubilee.

In reports of youth activities in the general church, in conventions and assemblies, in local youth groups we have endeavored to enhance a knowledge for and love of the church of Jesus Christ. It has been our great joy to see our subscription totals more than doubled during these years and the youth publication of the Evangelical Church become a companion of multitudes of youth. It has been our joy to help undergird the new Youth Fellowship which gives much promise.

I covet for our youth the challenge to help build The Evangelical United Brethren Church. Will you recall John Galsworthy's great play "Cathedrals?" As you recall, one of the workmen serving in a humble capacity on the building of an uptowering structure cries out, "We would thrust the spires of our cathedral into the skies so high that men who come after us would think we were mad for daring to attempt it." Indeed, we cherish the hope that the new youth weekly will call Evangelical United Brethren youth to thrust the spires of the new Evangelical United Brethren Church so high and far into the future that a needy world will think that we, like Paul, are mad to have dared such an heroic task.

These have been years of growth for us not only in circulation outreach and in a journalistic ministry, but in personal growth. We thank God for his leadership in our personal life. We thank God for his leadership in the life of the Church. Will you pray for those you elect to the editorial ministry of the Church?

"As I write I would that my pen were a little lighted taper,
And that I might go about setting fire to men's hearts.
What if I ignite only a small candle in most of them,
Banishing darkness from Their House of Life,
Then were I well repaid—
But—who knows?
Somewhere it may be given me
To start a conflagration
That may light the world." (Applause)

THE FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

By Dr. S. G. Ziegler, Secretary of the Foreign Missionary Society

Mr. Chairman, Members of the new Church and the Uniting General Conference: Every now and then an enterprising Sunday-school superintendent wants me to see every department in his Sunday school, and he rushes me from the primary to the adult departments. Sometime ago I was in Toledo, Ohio. We were going through such a process. When we came to a class of junior boys without a teacher, he stopped there and he said to

me: "Would you teach these boys?" And so I tried to make contact with them, probably not in a very pedagogical manner. I started out by saying, "Boys, what shall I talk about?" There was silence for a moment, then one little fellow piped up and said, "Mister, talk about a minute." I suppose you feel that way after sitting through day after day of conference sessions.

I have five minutes this evening to do what I think I should do—introduce you to our foreign children. We have five.

The first one is called "Mr. Africa." He is on the west coast in the Protectorate of Sierra Leone and represents a church of more than 3,500 members. We tried to get him in the best kind of shape for this union, so we put all the children we could into school. We have more than 5,000. We sent word to the clinics that they must all be well, and they reported last year that they gave over 90,000 treatments to their own and neighbors' children.

A fine, growing, thriving child, that I am sure you will be happy this evening to adopt.

The next child I want to speak about is Mr. China. He is a fresher, virile, vigorous man of some 50,000 people, because our work is affiliated with the Kwangtung Synod, one of the largest, most aggressive and virile parts of the Church of Christ in China. In the last ten years, even in spite of the war, he grew so rapidly that they are reporting now twice as many members as they had a decade ago. They laid before our board two weeks ago a program of expansion that would challenge the strongest conference represented here in this united Church. They have vision, foresight, courage and faith.

The next young man is in a rather serious condition. He is in rags. He is Mr. Japan. He was not really a bad boy, but the Church was in the wrong place during the terrible storm, and he got battered a bit. This is what one of our good young pastors wrote to us: "No church, no Bible, no hymn book, no parsonage, no clothing. We are building a small church, though, 12 by 15, costing 30,000 yen. But we meet in the churchyard where the church stood. Young people come to the services. We are happy, and we are very much hopeful. I hope this new mother that is adopting them will pour the oil of gladness into their souls and bind up their wounds. He needs it. He will make a great son if you treat him right."

Then next we have a very attractive little Latin-American girl, Miss Puerto Rico. She numbers about 4,800, a beautiful, attractive Latin lady, living a happy Christian life. You will like her.

The next is another lady, whose skirts have been badly torn—Miss Filipino. She is the youngest of our family, but she is the biggest. I do not like to say that about a young lady. She numbers over 8,000 members. In the last year in her evangelistic work, she reported 1100 conversions and the organization of twelve new churches. I hope the new mother will send her some new skirts. She will look beautiful if we help her to dress up again.

Now we have two stepchildren, too. They are the products of a "mixed marriage," that is, our Church is in two union enterprises. We have Miss Santo Domingo and Mr. Andean Indian. They are just young children. They will need lots of the milk of human kindness. We hope you will give it to them, because they have great prospects in an area of the world where some day they will make a great contribution to the kingdom of our Lord.

Now, Mr. Chairman, and representatives of this new Church, and new mother—perhaps I should not say that about a congregation that looks as masculine as this one does, but that is the Biblical term for the church—Mother—I take great pleasure in turning over to this new Church these five children. You look good enough to make a really good mother, and a stepmother, for I am going to give you the stepchildren, too. May God bless you in your rearing of them. And from what I have seen today, I have every confidence that you will make as good a mother as the mother who brought them on so far. Thank you. (Applause)

DEPARTMENT OF MISSIONS

By Dr. C. Heinmiller, Executive Secretary

Mr. Chairman, Members of the General Conference, and Friends: Were it possible to do so, without seeming presumptuous or even possibly irreverent, I would be tempted to turn in a moment like this to another historic event and spot in the state of Pennsylvania, and borrow some epical words that fell from the lips of a great man, paraphrasing them for this occasion to represent something that we know and feel here today; and I would be tempted to say reverently, yet with confidence and unhesitatingly, that "Five score and eight years ago our Fathers brought forth upon this Continent a movement conceived in prayer and dedicated to the proposition that all men need God."

I would do that for two reasons. The first purpose would be to try, vainly, I am sure, but to try to achieve the brevity with that profundity of that address of Abraham Lincoln.

The bishop has just referred to my return from a trip to the Orient. In my case it was a trip around the world. One cannot rise to speak about missions without hearing the cry of the world in his ears again, and feeling in his heart the hurt of our world as one is able to see it in a time like this. I could speak for an hour on the privilege of stopping off between planes to visit the United Brethren headquarters at Freetown in Sierra Leone, headquarters of your African mission. I think if I could do that, I could get an hour's extension of time from the former United Brethren people.

One can only in a moment like this think of the beginnings and the place to which we have come. And so, without achieving the miracle of brevity and profundity which Abraham Lincoln performed at Gettysburg, I would also turn to those words of his, and paraphrase them for the purpose of investing the cause which we called Evangelical Missions before this morning, with something of the sense of divine origin and destiny with which he clothed the beginnings of the movement upon our own continent of which he spoke. For I cannot read the history of Evangelical Missions without being conscious, constantly conscious, of the truth that back there in those days, more than a century ago, the men and the women of our Church were moved by the Holy Spirit to bring forth under the leadership of God a movement which would reach the ends of the earth.

And I am glad tonight that I can stand here after more than a century, and report that this has been a growing movement, an on-going movement, a developing movement every place, in spite of the war, for in the very hour when the war was doing its worst, destroying our properties, driving out our missionaries, the Board of Missions of the former Evangelical Church was already laying extensive plans and building a program of World Missions to begin the moment the guns had grown silent.

I am glad that the board had that vision, and did not wait to mourn, did not wait to despair, and did not wait for defeat. The moment the firing ceased, our missionaries started back into those devastated areas and have been going back ever since, and I thank God for them.

Fortunately, in this hour of triumph for our two former denominations, I am privileged to report to you, without having the opportunity to discuss our individual fields of endeavor, which was so well done with respect to the former United Brethren work by my co-worker and associate, Doctor Ziegler—I am glad to be able to report that this past quadrennium marked the high point in the 108 years of Evangelical Missions. It was the high point in spiritual emphasis and in courage and adventure on the part of the Board of Missions, and on the part of the missionaries.

It was the high point in terms of achievement by the Church in respect to needs, for this quadrennium saw the largest amount of money flow through the missionary treasury of any quadrennium in the history of our Church, and this past year of the last quadrennium found us receiving, through the missionary treasury, by far the largest amount of money we have ever received in the missionary treasury in the history of our Church,

at least \$150,000 more than on any previous occasion according to our records. And half of this money which we received during this past quadrennium came from the women of our Church, for which I am thankful. So that in the Church generally, we reached a total through the missionary treasury, with the aid of our women and our auxiliaries, conference treasuries—we achieved a total of practically four million dollars, almost a million dollars a year for the past four years for Evangelical Missions.

I submit, that brings us to a high point in our Evangelical Mission history, and to the point where we can with confidence and thanksgiving to God bring our part of the task to you and present it, not boastfully, not with pride, but with deep gratitude to Almighty God for his blessing upon this divinely inspired and divinely wrought work of Evangelical Missions, and now of Evangelical United Brethren Missions.

I am glad for this opportunity to bring this word at this time, that with the former United Brethren missionary program we are ready to join, hand in hand and heart to heart, in a larger advance for the kingdom of God and the salvation of man. Thank you. (Applause)

BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH ERECTION

By Dr. U. P. Hovermale, General Secretary

Mr. Bishop, Members of the General Conference, and Friends: I was thinking while the other speakers were on their feet about the merger this morning into one church, that we will have nine bishops instead of five, and we will have eighty or ninety superintendents instead of twenty-eight. There will be five boards merged into one. In a few weeks we shall begin planning the advance for the great missionary enterprise whose open doors are wider and whose challenge is greater, perhaps, than in any other period we have ever faced in the history of our modern missionary enterprise.

Now I bring you a brief report on our work in the field of Home Missions and Church Erection in our former United Brethren Church. As we enter into this larger program, thinking back, this year closes ninety-three years of organized Home Mission effort. It also closes seventy-seven years of Church Erection endeavor. Looking over the record, one-fifth of the entire membership in the United States of our former church have been received through Home Mission aided churches, and one-third of all the churches in the villages and towns and cities of our former denomination have been aided by Church Erection funds.

Because of the close relationship between the missionary establishment and the church building end of our work, for almost a quarter of a century now, by the action of the General Conference we have co-ordinated these two departments into the Home Mission and Church Erection Department.

Under this board the Town and Country Commission and the Bureau of Architecture are administered, and surely these two phases of the work offer us a great challenge for development as we enter into our united program.

Our present program consists of our conference missions, which include eight home mission conferences and seventy mission churches with their supervision, and to aid in the support of pastoral relationship in these fields.

In our Spanish-American field in northern New Mexico and the Rio Grande Valley, we have been allotted ten thousand square miles of territory for development of evangelistic missions, educational missions, and health missions. We have four day schools and one high school and boarding school, with four hundred enrolled, and a health center recently completed at Santa Cruz. Then we have our large health program in the erection of a new hospital at Espanola. We have been given \$180,000 by Mr. and Mrs. Arthur N. Pack, who live in the Valley, for the erection and equipment of this hospital, and our responsibility is to staff the hospital.

In Kentucky, we have eight counties in two sections of Kentucky, with some one thousand members and twenty churches, and four pastors. And, in addition, we have two community workers and one nurse, carrying on an evangelistic and community and health program.

Then we have a new mission project in the Latin section of Tampa, Florida, among the 45,000 Spanish speaking people. Two years ago we opened a mission there, which has been operating with fine progress and success. This is just six blocks from our Tampa First Church, which accords great opportunity for co-operation with that church.

Another phase of our work is co-operation with the Home Mission Council of North America. For the various projects we contribute \$3,000 a year, for that co-operative program.

Our task is threefold, which, of course, will continue now in a larger way to provide trained and consecrated leaders, provide for their support in the operation of the projects and to provide for the buildings and facilities to carry on the program.

During the last five years, up until our recent General Conference of 1945, we planned a program of advance. That General Conference adopted that program, and at our last board meeting, last spring, the final outlines of the plan were completed, to be carried on during the next five or six years. That is summarized as follows:

Twenty-five new mission workers, 82 mission church building projects, estimated to cost \$3,000,000, for which we are committed to give \$526,000.

For our Spanish-American schools, the improvements there are estimated to cost \$290,000.

Our Latin Mission project (at Tampa), \$100,000.

The Espanola Hospital, which I just referred to, \$180,000, and our Kentucky projects, to complete, \$28,000. That is \$1,124,000 for the advance program we have outlined and which is being promoted.

We have on hand and there is being provided, one-half of that amount. The other half we are hoping and praying will be realized through the United Campaign from which will have to be realized the two million dollars for our two united programs as we come together.

Now we begin a new era in Home Missions. The future of our missions abroad will be determined by and depend largely upon the strengthening and expansion of our churches at home. With one-half of the people of our nation without Christ and the church, another challenge comes to us to demonstrate in our own land, in our own churches and communities, Christ and his power to save, and to establish him in the many scores of small communities and cities without Christ and without the church. A great open door is before us as we enter the new advanced and united and larger missionary enterprise. Thank you. (Applause)

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION

By Rev. Marlo N. Berger, Associate Secretary

In the work of the former Evangelical Church in the field of Church Extension, it has been the policy of our Church to conduct the work of Church Extension as a separate board, rather than to have it combined with Home Missions, as has been true of the work in the former Church of the United Brethren in Christ. However, many of us discovered, both on the level of general church work and also upon the level of annual conference work, that very frequently the work of Church Extension and the work of Missions coincided, overlapped or coincided in such a fashion that very often we felt that these two phases of our church life, Home Missions and Church Extension ought to be merged. And so it was a source of great satisfaction to many of us who are deeply concerned about the cause of Church Extension when we learned that under the Plan and Basis of Union, Church Extension would become a department of the Board of Missions.

To some folks, Church Extension seems like merely a lending agency of the Church, a kind of sanctified Shylock organization; but I would like to say tonight in this brief moment that Church Extension is exceedingly more than a mere lending agency; that Church Extension as it has been developed by my worthy predecessors and by the Board of Church Extension through its leadership in the past, has shown itself to be an agency of real spiritual power.

First of all, it has a deep concern for the local congregation. Its spiritual interest in local churches is shown by its desire to be a counseling agency. And it has shown this power in many, many local situations. As the Church Extension Board has come into local building situations, it has sought to counsel with the folks with regard to the type of building they wished to erect. Why? Because of the desire upon the part of the Church Extension Society to provide our churches and particularly our mission churches, in the process of beginning or developing, with the respect of the church groups in the community, to have the type of building that would be a challenge, not only to the congregation that was there already, but which would appeal to the people of the community who could be touched and reached for Christ by that local congregation. And so the Church Extension Society has a spiritual ministry to perform in helping local congregations to provide themselves with the type of building that will make it possible for them to really reach folks for Christ.

Then, secondly, the Board of Church Extension has entered into these situations to render financial assistance, and great financial help has been given through the activities of the Church Extension Society of our former Evangelical Church.

At the beginning of this last quadrennium, the Church Extension Society had 168 active loans, totaling \$460,000. During the last four years, 40 new loans were negotiated, amounting to \$248,000. So that during this quadrennium a total of over \$700,000 of loans were active at sometime during the quadrennium.

However, notice that during this four-year period, repayment to the Church Extension Society amounted to nearly \$575,000, leaving on August 31 of this year only \$133,000 in outstanding loans. And, as Doctor Heinmiller said just a few moments ago, as we consider this union, the Board of Church Extension is happy to report that we bring into this union total assets of the Board of Church Extension amounting to \$582,000, or a gain of some \$25,000 over the assets at the beginning of the quadrennium, in available form, in available cash form, or in securities that can quickly be turned into cash. The Board of Church Extension brings quickly available funds amounting to over \$400,000.

During the General Conference of the former Evangelical Church, just closed yesterday, there was adopted a program for the future which includes these three outstanding needs:

First, a church-wide architectural program. That as soon as possible the Board of Church Extension shall develop a department or commission on Church Architecture, or a Bureau of Church Architecture which will really be helpful to our local churches. It has been impossible because of the lack of manpower to do that in this past quadrennium. We are hopeful that such a Bureau of Church Architecture will be so valuable to the local churches that they will call upon it for assistance in every building program.

Secondly, careful financial planning by the churches. At the time Doctor Heinmiller took over his office, the Board of Church Extension was in real difficulties. It was not because of his predecessor, but because of the depression and because of some unhappy situations with regard to church financing. It was recently the action of the board that in all building operations we recommend that churches should have at least fifty per cent of their total building costs, in cash, on hand before they begin actual building.

The third recommendation related to the situation in lending, an expression of the need for larger loans to the local churches, as being necessary in the years immediately ahead. We are conscious of the fact that there are many churches about ready to build, and we are aware of the fact that when building materials become available and labor becomes available, that there will be a wave of church building. And we are aware of the fact that large funds will be necessary for the purpose of lending to individual churches. We are also aware of the fact that the amount we will have to contribute will not be sufficient to meet all requests, but we are hopeful that additional funds will be made available, so that sizeable loans may be granted to the churches in need. (Applause)

REPORT OF UNITED BRETHREN STATISTICS

By Dr. L. L. Huffman

To Bishops and Members of the General Conference of The Evangelical United Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

Greetings:

We are happy to present herewith a summary of the statistics covering membership, worship and Sunday-school attendance, literature, finances, and church property for the Church of the United Brethren in Christ for the year 1946. In view of the fact that some of our annual conferences closed their sessions only a few days prior to this Uniting General Conference, it is impossible to make this report entirely complete; however, with few exceptions it is complete and accurate.

I call further attention that it is limited to the church statistics for the United States only and does not include any of our foreign conferences or missions.

STATISTICAL SUMMARIES OF THE UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH

For the year 1946

Total number of Churches.....	2,740
Number of Church Buildings.....	2,744
Church Membership.....	441,566
Net Increase for this year.....	5,041
Number of contributing members.....	206,123
Number of enrolled titheers.....	29,695
Number of conversions.....	21,633
Average attendance at main worship service.....	165,315
Total number of Sunday Schools.....	2,602
Total Sunday School enrollment.....	362,690
Average attendance in Sunday Schools, 1946.....	196,716
Number added to the Church from the Sunday School, 1946.....	11,973
Number in Week Day Schools of Religious Education.....	7,080
Number in Vacation Church Schools.....	43,845
Number in Catechetical Classes.....	6,960
Number of Young People's Christian Endeavor Societies.....	961
Members in Young People's Christian Endeavor Societies.....	21,769
Number of Adult Christian Endeavor Societies.....	321
Members in Adult Christian Endeavor Societies.....	8,393
Number of Intermediate Christian Endeavor Societies.....	368
Members in Intermediate Christian Endeavor Societies.....	6,239
Number of Junior Christian Endeavor Societies.....	547
Members in Junior Christian Endeavor Societies.....	13,892
Number of Women's Missionary Societies.....	1,370
Members in Women's Missionary Societies.....	51,044
Number of Otterbein Guild Chapters.....	834
Members in Otterbein Guild Chapters.....	15,517
Number of Women's Aid Societies.....	1,522
Members in Women's Aid Societies.....	53,319
Number of Otterbein Brotherhoods.....	458
Members in Otterbein Brotherhoods.....	14,090
Number of Life Work Recruits.....	1,417
Number attending United Brethren Colleges.....	913
Number attending other colleges.....	2,568

Literature Used

Religious Telescope.....	26,605
The Watchword.....	58,427
The Evangel.....	32,433
Total Sunday School Literature Circulation.....	416,481

Finances

Total received by pastors.....	\$2,915,980
Paid for church repairs.....	687,950
Paid for parsonage repairs.....	236,412
Total paid for missions.....	479,837
Paid for local Sunday School expenses.....	584,805
Paid for local Christian Endeavor expenses.....	52,303
Total current expenses of local churches.....	6,037,635
Total paid for church properties.....	1,056,486
Total for all local purposes.....	7,094,121
Paid on Benevolence Budget through regular church offerings.....	669,818
Designated Benevolence Budget gifts and offerings.....	84,537
Total paid on Benevolence Budget apportionment.....	754,355
Total Benevolence Contributions not in Budget.....	1,202,763
Total Benevolences.....	1,957,118
Total for all purposes.....	9,051,239

Church Property

Value of church buildings.....	34,076,500
Net value of church properties.....	33,232,791
Value of parsonages.....	5,529,768
Net value of parsonages.....	5,341,296
Total value of church and parsonage properties.....	38,574,087

The above are not entirely correct as some conference reports are not complete. In such cases the 1945 figure has been used.—L. L. H.

REPORT ON STATISTICS, EVANGELICAL CHURCH

By Dr. A. F. Weaver

Mr. Chairman, and Members of the General Conference: Sometime ago a group of us, including Doctor Peffley, were sitting at luncheon, and after we had given our orders, the waitress looked at us and said, "Four cups of coffee," and we nodded, and Doctor Peffley said, "Serve mine one at a time." (Laughter). If you want statistics in tabulated form, you will please refer to the Blue Book of our denomination, pages 46 and 47, and you will find a summary of those statistics. We have the advantage of having earlier reports, which you could not include in your General Conference reports. That book has been distributed throughout the former United Brethren General Conference, and you all have it available, and I will not take up your time with those tables and rubrics, serving them one by one.

The Church cannot live by statistics alone, no more than it can advance through organization alone. However, statistics reveal some things. Statistics reveal what type of church life we have. The missionary spirit and the spirit of evangelism are revealed in our statistics, among other things, of course, and we are happy to say that from the trends reported in our statistics, we bring to this Union a Church that is evangelistic in spirit and missionary in spirit, as well.

We have nothing particularly to boast about concerning the total statistics we bring to you, but we are glad to say that we have had a consistent net gain during this past quadrennium. I am reporting not for one year now, but for four years, during this past quadrennium.

We had a net gain of 15,061 during the past quadrennium, and during the past five quadrenniums we have had a net gain of more than twenty-three per cent. I am speaking now of our membership in the United States and Canada, and not including our overseas conferences. Including our overseas conferences, we are happy to bring to this Union more than 300,000 of our membership.

Our total contributions during the past year for Missions and Benevolences were \$2,136,154, and our total for all purposes \$8,217,812, or a total average per capita of \$31.60.

There are two other trends to which I wish to call attention in our church life. During the past year we have definitely checked the downward trend in Sunday-school enrollment and average attendance, and we have increased our enrollment by more than 3,000 and our average attendance by more than 2,000.

Also, during this quadrennium we have accomplished a definite check on withdrawals and removals without certificate, and I take it that in those two areas we should certainly be able to safeguard our membership more as a united Church than we could when we were operating separately.

Of what benefit is it to bring thousands of people into the Church if we do not hold them? There is little value in reaching the unreached if we just let them slip away from us again.

I saw something that illustrates what I have in mind. A little boy about a year and a half old was given a new toy in a paper box. He opened the box and took the toy out and played with it a little while, and then he wanted to put it back into the box. He happened to open the lower section of the box and so when he put the toy in at the top, it just slipped through. He tried to put it back a number of times. Finally, his little sister, about six years of age, came to his rescue and she showed him that if he wanted to keep that toy in the box, he had to close the one end. So she closed the lower end, and he put the toy in, and was happy over it.

Let us not only bring people into the Church through the front door, but let us try to see to it that they do not slip away from us out the back door. (Applause)

So far we do not have complete statistics available from the overseas conferences. They probably will be available in time for publication in the Year Book.

The statistical trends over the past twenty-year period disclose a number of encouraging aspects. There has been a consistent net increase in church membership, averaging 9,673 per quadrennium. The increase during the past quadrennium, however, was higher, namely, 15,061. While the total for missions dropped from \$708,778, as reported for 1930, to \$431,702 as reported in 1934, but it rose again and reached its highest level in 1946, namely \$904,240; and the total for missions and benevolence, including conference projects and nondenominational giving, rose to \$2,136,154 in 1946. Giving for all purposes had declined in 1934 to \$4,002,228 from that of \$6,613,133 in 1930; but in 1946 it rose to the highest point in our history, namely to \$8,217,812, or an average of \$31.60 per member. The cash salaries paid to ministers by local churches advanced from \$1,330,000 in 1934 to \$2,150,000 in 1946. Another encouraging trend is that of reduction of indebtedness on churches and parsonages. In 1934 the indebtedness on congregational property was \$5,486,427, while the reports for 1946 show that it has been reduced to \$1,142,237.

There are other trends that are somewhat disturbing. The Sunday school enrollment reported for 1946 is 264,119, which is nearly 28,000 less than it was eight years ago and 71,000 less than it was twenty years ago. The average attendance, 147,889, is about 24,000 less than it was eight years ago and about 42,000 less than it was twelve years ago. On the other hand the movement to counteract this downward trend has borne fruit in this that the decline definitely has been arrested. The last year of the quadrennium is marked by a substantial increase as compared with the previous year, namely, 3,479 in enrollment and 2,601 in average attendance. The number of conversions has gradually declined from 18,221 in 1926 to 10,675 in 1946. However, the fact that a new rubric has been added for reporting those who have been reclaimed may have some bearing on these figures.

The following is a summary of the statistics for the quadrennium, with the quadrennial increase or decrease indicated.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS, 1942-1946

Table I. Ministry-Membership

		Increase or (—) Decrease
Itinerant Ministers (1946)	1,584	—39
Local Ministers (1946)	301	—21
Organized Congregations (1946)	1,939	—44
Unorganized Congregations (1946)	23	—18
Gain by Profession of Faith	42,375	696
Gain by Certificate	22,584	2,774
Gain by Change of Boundary	837	160
Total Gain	65,796	3,630
Loss by Death	12,131	871
Loss with Certificate	20,543	1,628
Loss without Certificate	14,573	—3,153
Loss by Withdrawal	2,553	—1,669
Loss by Expulsion	98	37
Loss by Change of Boundary	837	160
Total Loss	50,735	—2,126
Net Gain	15,061	5,756
Membership (1946)	263,536	15,061
Non-resident (1946)	27,833	4,867
Under 13 Years of Age (1946)	5,955	—4,141
Conversions and Reclaimed	56,024	—5,653
Baptisms (Adult)	12,115	1,832
Baptisms (Infant)	33,437	4,331

Table II. Organized Activities

Sunday Schools (1946)	1,907	—50
Officers and Teachers (1946)	26,223	—1,551
Children's Division (1946)	87,144	2,990
Young People's Division (1946)	58,326	—10,245
Adult Division (1946)	92,426	—2,419
Total Enrollment (1946)	264,119	—11,225
Average Attendance (1946)	147,889	—15,742
Catechetical Classes	808	
Enrollment	8,149	
Pastor's Classes Enrollment	2,762	
Leadership Education Classes	235	
Enrollment	2,628	
Youth Fellowships (1946)	1,315	
Enrollment (1946)	26,885	
Money Raised	\$165,274	
Woman's Missionary Societies (1946)	1,322	23
Enrollment (1946)	39,400	2,876
Y. P. M. Circles (1946)	119	—572
Enrollment	2,601	—12,101
Mission Bands (1946)	906	41
Enrollment (1946)	20,718	288
Little Herald Rolls (1946)	679	42
Enrollment (1946)	15,778	2,713
Ladies' Aid Societies (1946)	1,181	—107
Enrollment (1946)	37,425	—1,632
Albright Brotherhoods (1946)	367	—52
Participating in Work (1946)	10,648	888
Evangelical Leagues (1946)	492	—1,213
Membership (1946)	10,838	—25,044

Table III. Property—Valuation

Churches (1946)	1,916	—48
Estimated Value (1946)	\$24,922,371	\$2,320,091
Parsonages (1946)	1,204	28

		Increase or (—) Decrease
Estimated Value (1946)	\$4,838,664	\$564,134
Other Property (1946)	\$711,682	\$121,659
Total Value (1946)	\$30,472,717	\$3,005,884
Indebtedness (1946)	\$1,142,237	—\$2,426,030
Reserve Funds (1946)	\$1,921,484	
District Parsonages (1946)	36	3
Estimated Value (1946)	\$245,250	\$69,450
Other Conference Property (1946)	\$911,194	\$242,374
Estimated Value General Church Property (1946)	\$6,382,394	\$763,237
Indebtedness General Church Property (1946)	\$80,925	—\$169,235
Endowment General Church Property (1946)	\$3,196,645	\$359,769

Table IV. Finances

General Missions	\$1,873,933	\$776,111
Conference Missions	1,171,403	157,604
Total for Missions	3,045,336	933,715
General Benevolence	2,729,505	
Minister's Salary from Field	7,741,877	1,612,866
Conference Projects	978,684	
Local Expenses, including Maintenance	5,087,138	2,025,412
New Buildings	698,444	247,987
Indebtedness	2,448,931	977,155
Interest	219,441	254,217
Improvements	2,229,388	562,581
Nondenominational Benevolence	486,946	289,455
Total for All Purposes not including Rental Allowance to Ministers	28,128,038	8,240,060
Rental Allowance to Ministers	1,325,671	102,841
Total for all Purposes including Rental Allowance to Ministers	29,453,709	8,342,901
Total Missions and Benevolence including Conference Projects and Nondenominational Benevolence	7,240,471	
Average per Member for Missions	2.99	.72
Average per Member for All Purposes not including Rent	27.64	
Average per Member for All Purposes including Rent	28.98	7.26

Table VI. Literature

Evangelical-Messenger (1946)	20,793	3,269
Der Christliche Botschafter (1946)	1,644	—826
Evangelical Crusader (1946)	24,956	2,749
Evangelical Missionary World (1946)	24,904	5,077
Missionary Gem (1946)	12,882	1,324

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL PENSION AND ANNUITY PLAN**The United Brethren Church****By Dr. George A. Heiss****FOREWORD**

To many members of the Evangelical Church; also of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, the organic union of these denominations has created deep concern, anxiety, and at times forebodings.

Your humble servant has been an Evangelical United Brethren from the date of physical birth to this present hour.

I was born physically in an Evangelical home, received my early Christian training in an Evangelical home, received my spiritual birth in an

Evangelical church. Mrs. Heiss and I were married by an Evangelical minister, our two children were baptized by an Evangelical minister, and I held official relation in the Evangelical Church.

Twenty-eight years ago I received license to preach the gospel in the Church of the United Brethren in Christ. I have served twenty-one years as treasurer of the Pennsylvania Conference, five years as Field Agent of Bonebrake Seminary, and seven years as secretary to the Ministerial Pension Committee. It is a real pleasure to announce that beginning January 1, 1947, the Ministerial Pension and Annuity Plan shall pay the maximum pension to contributory members having thirty years of ordained service and are regularly retired at sixty-eight years of age, in the sum of \$500.00. Non-contributory members with thirty years of ordained service, regularly retired at age of sixty-eight, shall receive the sum of \$400.00.

I have prepared a brief resume of the historical data, factual reports, which it shall be my privilege to present at this time.

Permit me to say that during the past years I have had delightful and profitable fellowship with Dr. A. H. Doescher, Executive Secretary of the Pension Plan of the Evangelical Church.

Ministerial Pension and Annuity Report

The Board of Administration passed the following resolution:

"We recommend that the reports of departments and institutions of our denomination, to be presented at the special General Conference in Johnstown, be limited to historical and factual data."

This report has been prepared to harmonize with said resolution.

The report gives a brief history of the Plan, the present membership, a comparison of the funds in the Plan as of July 1, 1939, and as of September 30, 1946, as prepared by the C. P. A.

We also list the estimated budget, the estimated disbursements and administrative expense for the first year of the new quadrennium of The Evangelical United Brethren Church.

HISTORICAL DATA—UNITED BRETHREN

The General Conference of 1921 voted the Pension Plan, but owing to pressing needs of other denominational interests, the campaign to raise the endowment was delayed.

It was agreed that beginning July, 1930, the campaign should be launched. The depression days followed and nothing was accomplished. The General Conference at Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, in May, 1937, voted that the 1937-41 quadrennium should be given to the completion of the Plan.

MEMBERSHIP

Contributory	Non-Contributory	Total
1028	185	1213

MEMBERS RECEIVING PENSIONS

Ministers	Widows	Children	Total
182	181	11	374

FUNDS

Total Funds in Plan, July, 1939.....\$103,617.00

Funds in the Plan September 30, 1946

Contributory Fund	Church Service Annuity Fund
\$313,910.80	Endowment Account
	\$1,067,611.19
	Income Account
	\$139,223.51
	Total Funds: \$1,520,745.50

ESTIMATED BUDGET

RECEIPTS	United Brethren	Evangelical
Administrative Council	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 35,000.00
Requests		2,000.00
Board of Publication—Regular		25,000.00

Board of Publication—Special		15,000.00
Conference Claimants		5,000.00
Special Gifts		10,000.00
Ministerial Pension Plan Dues	44,000.00	
Superannuation Plan Dues		16,000.00
Two Per Cent Dues		30,000.00
Three Per Cent Contributions	75,000.00	80,000.00
Income from Investments	30,000.00	60,000.00
	\$204,000.00	\$278,000.00

DISBURSEMENTS

Annuity Interest	\$ 40.00	\$ 9,000.00
Pensions	132,577.00	200,000.00
European Sustentation Fund		1,300.00
Credit Contributory Members	3,580.00	6,000.00
Reserve, Ministers Reserve Plan	10,000.00	39,000.00
Administrative Expense	18,000.00	18,000.00
	\$164,197.00	\$273,300.00
Total Expenditures	\$437,497.00	

These amounts include the expenses for the various Departments of the Pension Plan.

The Estimated Budget, Disbursements, Administrative Expenses, have been compiled by a joint committee from the Church of the United Brethren in Christ and the Evangelical Church.

A number of meetings covering several days were spent in a careful study of both plans as related to the above statements.

REPORT ON SUPERANNUATION FUND**The Evangelical Church****By Dr. A. H. Doescher**

Mr. Chairman, and members of the General Conference: The Superannuation Fund of The Evangelical Church was founded in the year 1911. Since that time it has had a growing ministry of great fruitfulness. In 1913, the first benefits were paid to beneficiaries of the Fund, and, according to the records, the payments that year totaled \$341.00.

Since that time, the Fund has paid to its beneficiaries about three million dollars, so that today the annual pension load is slightly over \$200,000.00.

We have had a total membership in these years of 2,712 ministers. Of this number 2,536 belong to the Old Fund, the Superannuation Fund, and 176 to the newly founded Fund which was authorized by the General Conference four years ago. This department, which I refer to as the newly founded Fund, is a Ministerial Reserve Pension Plan which provides that after a minister has finished his ministerial career, the pension is in the treasury.

For example, if he serves for forty-three years and he and his congregation together pay into the fund \$100 per year, they will have contributed to the Fund \$4,300.00, but with interest accumulations at three per cent, that amount is doubled, until it is \$8,600.00, and provides a pension on that basis of approximately \$700.00 per year. If his salary is larger, of course the pension is proportionately larger.

The purpose of the Pension Fund is to provide protection for the ministers and to provide retirement salary. We like to think of pensions as being deferred salary. The Church is not giving the minister a gratuity at the end of his ministerial career, but is providing for him the support to which he is entitled.

At the present time, we have 671 annuitants on our list. Thirty of these are aged ministers who are still in active service and therefore do not receive benefits. According to the rules of our Fund, a minister must retire before he is entitled to benefits. Of this balance of 641, 300 are ministers, 155 of whom are beneficiaries because of physical disability, some of whom, of course, are past 70, and 145 are beneficiaries because of age. 341 of the beneficiaries are widows.

You will be interested in knowing where we get our money. As already indicated, the Board of Publication during the past year has provided the Fund with \$40,000.00. The Administrative Council includes the Pension Fund in its grants. We received donations, special gifts, in the sum of about \$12,000.00. In addition there were annuity gifts and bequests. The ministers themselves pay into the Fund, or paid in during the past fiscal year, \$46,740.00.

According to our Plan the minister pays two per cent of his salary. Each congregation and each salary paying unit contributes to the fund an amount equal to three per cent of the minister's salary who serves that congregation or that institution. This means an income from that source of approximately \$85,000.00 per year.

We receive an income of \$66,900.00 from our investments. Our investments are included in the assets of the Fund, which today are \$1,904,000.00. These are carefully diversified. I have used the watch or clock to illustrate how our funds are diversified. If we had cash in the sum of slightly over \$100,000.00, it would take three minutes of the full hour, or if we take an hour as the time to count this money, to allocate this \$1,904,000.00, it would take 3 minutes and 7½ seconds to count the cash on hand. It would take 33½ seconds to count the savings account in the sum of \$17,734. It would take 12 minutes and 13 seconds to count the real estate mortgage loans in the sum of \$388,000. It would take 22 minutes and 3 seconds to count the United States Government bonds in the sum of \$700,000. The F bonds, we have \$350 of those. It would take 1 second to count those. We have \$39,550.00 in Canadian bonds. It would take a minute and 15 seconds to count those. We have some bonds in the nature of utilities, railroads and industrials, \$10,000.00 each of these. It would take 20 seconds to count these categories. We have certificates of indebtedness in the sum of \$25,000. It would take 48 seconds; preferred stock in the amount of \$61,000.00, one minute and 54 seconds to count those. Common stock, \$524,061.00. It would take 16 minutes and 35 seconds to count those. That is a total of 59 minutes and 30 seconds, giving you 30 seconds to count the \$14,000 of miscellaneous assets, and catch your breath.

We earned a total of 3½ per cent on our investments during the past year. Our common stocks are what I termed the other day in the General Conference of our Church the "blue chips." Somebody asked me afterwards what I meant. Well, I said, "I read that term in the financial papers." Apparently he and some others got the idea that meant something else. I will be glad to refer their names to the Board of Bishops if they would like to know who they are. (Laughter)

It is important that the Fund plan its budget. We have said repeatedly to our conferences that there are only two ways to balance a budget. One is to spend less than you get, and the other is to get more than you spend. We have tried to follow a balanced budget, and have succeeded during the past two quadrenniums.

Now the Pension Fund has a mission of protection. When Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr. retired from the United States Supreme Court bench, he did not announce his retirement until the evening before he retired. That evening, as they were about to depart for their homes, he said, "Well, I won't be down tomorrow." That was his way of retiring from the United States Supreme Court bench. The next day the other Justices passed suitable resolutions and sent these resolutions of appreciation to Justice Holmes. He answered with a letter in which he described their courtesy and their kindness in these terms: He said, "You have added gold to the sunset of my life." That is what the Pension Fund tries to do for its veterans of the Cross. (Applause)

REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL**The Evangelical Church****By Dr. A. F. Weaver**

Mr. Chairman, and Members of the General Conference: I am sure you all know that to yield place to me is precisely a characteristic of my good friend and brother, Doctor Gregory. I did not want him to do it, but he insisted on this procedure. So I shall just take a few moments.

Thirty-one years ago the Commission on Finance was organized as the initial approach to the problem of establishing a unified budget system, and you will note that that was just two years after the Pension system was inaugurated, or the first payments were made.

That first unification did not extend very far, but the response to the idea was encouraging. Later when the Administrative Council was launched as the successor to the Commission on Finance, the idea in favor of unification was given new impetus, and as the consequence, marked progress has been made during the recent years toward this goal.

When the Administrative Council was launched eight years ago, and you will notice from that that as a Council we are much younger than your Board of Administration, the purpose of its organization was more inclusive than that of the former Commission on Finance. The proposal was to study the total program of the Church as it was expressed through its various organizations, boards and agencies, and then to integrate this program into a comprehensive denominational program and assist in promoting the same. This purpose we believe has been achieved to a marked degree, to the satisfaction of the boards and agencies involved, and for the good of the Church as a whole.

Another new phase of the Administrative Council's work has been the establishment of a closer relationship among the several boards and agencies of the Church. Misunderstandings and duplication of activities have been avoided, and a splendid spirit of co-operation has been developed.

In the united Church we believe there will be continued need for integration, both in the area of administration and in the area of promotion. In fact, the need will be greater than it was in our separate communions. It will be no small task to make organic union flower forth in spiritual unity, but that is exactly the challenge that is before us.

In a conversation the other day, one of your good leaders said, as he looked me in the eye: "We are for the Union to the extent that we want to go all the way," and I said heartily, "We are with you." The Administrative Council is happy, therefore, to unite with the Board of Administration, in the hope that the new agency through its guidance, influence and activities may make a notable contribution to the spirit of unity in the united Church. (Applause)

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION**The United Brethren Church****By Dr. D. T. Gregory, General Secretary**

Mr. Bishop, and Members of the General Conference: It is not our purpose to take much of your time. We will put into your hands in a few moments, that is, in the hands of the Evangelical delegates, a mimeographed Supplementary Report, supplementing what has already been put into your hands in the form of what we call the Blue Book. This mimeographed report will furnish the data down to November 8, a date that was much later than we could possibly get it ready for the Blue Book, and thus you will have the historic statements with reference to the establishment of the Board of Administration, the type of work it has been doing, and some of its accomplishments down to the present time.

In this paper, when it is put into your hands, you will observe that our membership in the United States, following the closing of the annual con-

ferences just a few weeks ago, was 441,566, and including our membership abroad, 459,779.

You will observe that we had a net gain this past year of 5,056, and that we received on Confession of Faith nearly 2,000 more than we received in the previous year.

You will observe that our Benevolence Budget quotas were overpaid by our annual conferences to the amount of 108 per cent. Other items you will observe in the statistics that are given in this mimeographed supplementary report before you, and I shall not take much of your time in making statements about it, more than to say that I hope this report will be sufficient, both in my statements on Evangelism and the Board of Administration, because it is under the Board of Administration, since the last General Conference, that both Evangelism and Stewardship have been promoted according to the mandate of that body.

And so in this leaflet, when it is put into your hands, you will find statements reflecting our work in Evangelism, as well as our work in Stewardship. Along with the data, also thinking in terms of the Board of Administration and the Administrative Council of these two Churches joining hands to become the Council of Administration, we believe that we might paraphrase the statement of General Pershing a bit at this moment. It is said of him that when he led our young men from this country in the first World War into Europe, occasionally he would say to them: "You will meet hardships, but God will sustain you. You will meet temptations, but Jesus Christ will be your strength. Therefore, let your valor as a soldier, and your conduct as a man be an inspiration to your comrades and an honor to your country."

We believe the One who is the head of the church, looking in upon us these days, and as this Board of Administration and the Administrative Council join hands and become the Council of Administration, we believe He is saying to all of us: "Let your earnestness as evangelists, and your effectiveness as soul winners, and your faithfulness as Christian stewards, be a challenge to your fellow churchmen, and an honor and a glory to God."

The Board of Administration was created by action of the General Conference at Wichita, Kansas in 1917. In his *HISTORY OF THE UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH*, Dr. A. W. Drury refers to this as the *most significant and advanced act of the General Conference*.

Commission on Finance

Prior to the creation of this Board there was a Commission on Finance. This Commission had served the church for two quadrenniums, dealing primarily with two phases of church work: first, it was authorized to plan and promote a budget system of finance for the entire denomination; second, it was charged with the responsibility of cultivating an interest in and a study of Christian stewardship.

In his report to the General Conference of 1917, Dr. J. S. Kendall, the general secretary of the Commission on Finance, made the following observation with reference to the work of the Commission:

"It has been the purpose of the Commission to set forth the methods adopted by the General Conference and seek to relate the various local churches to that financial program. The plan is no longer looked upon as an experiment. Hundreds of local churches are beginning to realize its worth and ability to meet their needs."

Commenting on the need for intensified and united efforts in the realm of finance and stewardship, Doctor Kendall made the following statements:

"Some of our pastors and local church leaders look upon our benevolence boards as organized agencies for getting money, and that they exist solely for that purpose. . . . Stewardship instruction and sermons on missions are very seldom a part of their program. . . . The purpose of our United Work Program is to strengthen each department and systematically develop and relate these organized agencies of the church to each other so that the various departments can move onward together in carrying out our Lord's commission and develop a bigger and better United Breth-

ren church. . . . Experiences of the past and the accumulation of testimonies of our own and other communions confirm us in our convictions that, if the resources of this age are to be realized for Christ and His church, a comprehensive and adequate program of education on Stewardship and Finance must be set up."

The Board Created

It was in response to this urgency for a more adequate program of education with regard to Stewardship and Finance, as set forth by Doctor Kendall in his report, that the General Conference of 1917 created the Board of Administration as indicated in the following paragraph:

"We recommend that the Commission on Finance be abolished, and that, in its stead, there be created a Board of Administration, consisting of the bishops, *ex-officio*, and one minister and one layman for every 50,000 members, or fraction thereof, from each bishop's district in the United States, to be elected by the General Conference."

The General Conference authorized the Board of Administration to—(1) promote the financial plan of the Church; (2) encourage the study and practice of Christian stewardship; (3) give publicity to plans and methods; (4) re-enforce the departments in securing funds; (5) aid in attaining the goals fixed by the General Conference; and (6) prepare and submit to the succeeding General Conference recommendations for changes in Discipline and methods of co-operation for greater efficiency and co-ordination of the work of the entire Church.

Spiritual Aims and Goals

The following aims and goals were adopted and committed to the Board of Administration as a part of its responsibility in keeping with the above paragraph:

"1. The aim of this four-year program is to meet the challenging opportunities before our denomination at home and abroad. This is to be realized through the revitalization of our membership and by leading our forces into such a courageous advance in evangelism, education, missions, and individual activities as shall arrest attention and secure the largest growth and efficiency of every department of our local churches, and so strengthen our departmental work and institutions as to greatly intensify our united influence upon America and the world.

"2. The entire membership of every local church spiritually quickened, organized, and enlisted in various forms of service; through prayer and personal effort winning 150,000 and a net increase of 100,000 to Christ and the Church at home and abroad, and increasing by twenty-five percent the enrollment of our Sunday schools and Christian Endeavor societies.

"3. Our institutions of learning, at home and abroad, enriched and strengthened as training agencies for Christian service through an increase of 2,000 students, 500 additional trained ministers, missionaries and educational leaders and \$2,000,000 in new funds for better equipment, endowment scholarships, and aid to men and women entering upon the ministry or missionary work.

"4. For missions, home and foreign, and church erection, Board of Education and Seminary, Sunday schools, Christian Endeavor, conference extension, orphanages, homes and other benevolences beyond the bounds of the local church, the sum of \$700,000 for the first year, \$800,000 for the second year, and \$900,000 for the third year, and \$1,000,000 for the fourth year in cash or its equivalent."

Facing Its Tasks

As steps toward the realization of these aims and goals, the Board of Administration called the Church to a study of the principles of stewardship as follows: (1) *The Stewardship of Intercession*, and as a result 40,000 pledged themselves to pray daily for definite objectives; (2) *The Stewardship of Life*, resulting in more than 1,500 young people surrendering

themselves to Christ for full-time service in the church; (3) *The Stewardship of Property*, with emphasis on the fact that God is owner and man is steward, making clear that our stewardship requires the setting apart of at least one-tenth of one's income for the cause of Christ—and more than 14,000 tithing stewards were enrolled; (4) *The Stewardship of the Gospel*, calling attention to our responsibility as "stewards of the manifold grace of God," and emphasizing the place of evangelism in the life of our communion.

In the midst of the quadrennium, at a meeting of the Board, October 22-24, 1918, Dr. J. S. Kendall tendered his resignation as executive secretary, and Dr. S. S. Hough was chosen as his successor. In response to this call, Doctor Hough resigned as general secretary of Foreign Missions and took up the tasks to which the Board of Administration thus called him.

Reasons for Rejoicing

Reporting to the General Conference of 1921, Doctor Hough indicated that seven conferences had gone over the top with their assignments in this enlarged and unified program and were a witness to others, that, *It can be done*. One-third of the local churches had gone far beyond their goals and were saying, *Come on, let's do it*.

Speaking of the multiplicity of appeals, as they prevailed prior to the adoption of the unified budget, one pastor said: *I often sat at my desk, heart-sick, and not infrequently disgusted. I threw into the waste basket many letters from the various departments of the church. Every Sunday the people wondered what would be the next appeal.*

It was this situation, caused by the many appeals, that the General Conference sought to overcome by way of the unified budget and unified efforts under the direction of the Board of Administration. Hence, the succeeding General Conferences have approved the continuation of the unified program, with modifications from time to time as required by changing conditions.

A layman, commenting on what the united program had meant to his church, said: *There has been real excitement of soul in taking hold of God's plans and watching the answers to our prayers.*

A conference superintendent expressed his convictions in a hope for its continuation, saying: *Let us not allow anything to interfere with this effective method of doing our work together.*

Some Financial Achievements

Perhaps one of the most important gains during these years since 1917, as a result of our united efforts, has been that of a 148% increase in the average received by our pastors (see column 2 below). I am sure they have deserved all of this increase in their support as well as the provisions now made for them in pension considerations as a result of our Ministerial Pension and Annuity Plan which also has been under the direction of the Board of Administration. The following tabulations will reflect some of our achievements in finance as a result of our united efforts during these years.

	Total received by pastors	Average received by pastors	Paid on Benev. Budget	Total Benev. Giving	Total for all Purposes
1917	\$1,362,055	\$ 712		\$ 810,136	\$3,752,104
1921	1,980,156	1,077	\$845,750	1,543,192	5,963,871
1925	2,254,378	1,414	609,758	1,457,611	6,659,381
1929	2,384,857	1,683	615,053	1,290,690	6,509,206
1933	1,679,600	1,208	353,933	625,489	3,737,728
1937	1,868,347	1,338	490,334	790,763	4,916,011
1941	2,035,651	1,528	553,808	1,042,128	5,472,510
1945	2,685,480	1,768	685,428	1,924,466	8,395,342

Observations

1. There was no amount tabulated for 1917 comparable with our benevolence budget receipts as we have known them since, there being no united benevolence budget prior to that General Conference.
2. The figures for 1933 reflect the crucial situation caused by our national depression. To meet this crisis the Board recommended a *pay-as-you-go* policy. As a result most all the causes came through without increased indebtedness.
3. The average salary for 1945 includes an average for 243 part-time pastors. The average received by full-time pastors for that year was \$1,942.

Membership Tabulations

Statistics do not and cannot reveal all the concern, labor and prayer given to the task of winning souls. The records of our faithfulness and sincerity of effort are in the books of eternity. The following tabulations, however, will reflect our tendencies as well as our achievements in the realm of winning and enlisting souls for Christ during the past seven quadrenniums:

	Conversions	Received by C. of F.	Member- ship	Net gain for Quadrennium	Enrolled Tithers
1917			342,301		
1921	40,455	30,993	355,896	13,595	17,932
1925	33,193	26,655	386,185	30,289	23,110
1929	24,437	18,057	392,365	6,180	23,318
1933	29,090	19,023	403,786	11,421	21,132
1937	22,444	15,450	411,674	7,888	
1941	22,117	15,594	424,435	12,761	19,565
1945	20,580	15,165	436,525	12,090	28,362

Membership of the Board

By action of the General Conference in 1941, the membership of the Board was set up as follows:

"The Board of Administration shall consist of the active bishops, and one minister and one layman for every fifty thousand members or major fraction thereof from each bishop's district in the United States, to be elected by the General Conference, provided, however, that should any bishop's district have a membership less than twenty-five thousand, the same shall be represented by one minister; the secretary of the Board of Administration, the secretary of the Foreign Missionary Society, the secretary of the Home Mission and Church Erection Society, the secretary of the Board of Christian Education, the Publishing Agent, the general manager of the Ministerial Pension and Annuity Plan, the president of Bonebrake Theological Seminary, one representative for the colleges to be elected by the General Conference, and two members for each of the following departments: the Foreign Missionary Society, the Home Mission and Church Erection Society, and the Board of Christian Education who shall elect their representatives for the quadrennium during or as soon as possible after the meeting of the General Conference.

"The conference superintendents, who are not regularly elected members of the Board, shall be advisory members and shall sit with the Board in its regular sessions. Their expenses thus incurred shall be paid as follows: one-third by the Board of Administration, and two-thirds by their respective annual conferences."

Thus the Board, in its close relationship with the superintendents, seeks to serve as the co-ordinating agency of the denomination with a view to harmony and efficiency in all phases of our work.

Evangelism and Stewardship

Looking over the duties assigned to the Board of Administration, and referring to its records, one can readily discern a major emphasis on Evangelism and Stewardship as primary requisites in lifting our people to a plane of more efficient service and more effective witnessing for Christ.

We believe that a man must be born again, and that he and his possessions must be committed to Christ for Christian service—and this conviction has constantly prevailed in the plans and work of the Board from year to year.

Twice since the Board was created and received its first charge from the General Conference in 1917, it has had the work of Evangelism specifically under its direction.

In 1929 the General Conference voted that the Board *shall promote Evangelism and Christian Stewardship*. At the same time it created a Bureau of Evangelism which was put under the control and direction of the Board of Administration, and authorized the Board to elect a Director and to provide for his salary. In keeping with this action, Dr. C. W. Brewbaker was chosen, and rendered effective service throughout the quadrennium. His report to the General Conference of 1933 reflected definite progress along the lines of soul winning and spiritual enrichment among our people. A lack of funds, however, as a result of the national depression, led the General Conference to discontinue the Bureau of Evangelism and to make other plans for this phase of the work without providing any funds with which materials might be prepared and the work promoted.

The General Conference of 1945 again set itself to providing funds for the promotion of Evangelism, and again it wrote into the duties of the Board of Administration the following statement, *It shall promote Evangelism and Christian Stewardship*. In keeping with this action a Commission on Evangelism was chosen consisting of the Board of Bishops and the Executive Secretary of the Board of Administration. This Commission was authorized to take steps toward the preparation of an evangelistic program for the denomination.

Program of Evangelism

The Commission on Evangelism, in a two-days' session with general officers and conference superintendents, gave study to methods and plans for our evangelistic endeavors. Their united thinking and planning became the basis of our Program of Evangelism. The program as thus prepared and adopted for the year 1945-1946 was carried forward with increasing interest by our conference organizations.

In response to the mandate of the General Conference at Westerville in 1945, the Executive Secretary has given much time to the promotion of the Program of Evangelism. This program gave special emphasis to evangelistic work as follows: (1) evangelism in the annual conference; (2) evangelism in the local church; (3) evangelism in the community; (4) evangelism in our institutions of education.

In keeping with the recommendations of this program, the annual conference sessions of 1945 gave a major emphasis to evangelism. Conference commissions on evangelism were chosen and the work, as outlined in the Program, was committed to these commissions for emphasis throughout the Church. Plans were made for spiritual retreats in the various conferences, and some of these were for a one-day duration while others were for two days. These spiritual retreats in the conferences were followed by similar sessions in district groups thus bringing pastors and lay leaders of local churches together for a study of methods and evangelistic inspiration. In some of these special services practical phases of the work like that of home visitation evangelism, were encouraged and promoted. These resulted in scores of decisions and many accessions to the church. These conference commissions were authorized to contact the pastors in their respective conferences and to give help where such was needed in organizing and planning for evangelistic endeavors in every local church.

Some of the results of these efforts may be reflected in the following: (1) a much larger number of churches reporting conversions and accessions on confession of faith than was tabulated the previous year; (2) 17,013 received on confession of faith, which was considerably above the number thus received in any year since 1939; (3) a net increase in membership of 5,056, which was 2,046 more than was reported the previous year and which was the highest number we have had in net increase in any one year for eight years. These results give us a present membership in the United States

of 441,566. Adding our membership abroad, we now have a total membership of 459,779.

The Board of Administration, together with the conference superintendents, upon the recommendation of the Commission on Evangelism approved and recommended a continuation of this Program of Evangelism during the conference year 1946-1947. Our annual conferences already have approved this recommendation and are on their way with a similar procedure to that of last year in the work of soul winning. May the Holy Spirit give our churches increasing victories in this field.

Anticipating our work in the united Church, the Joint Commissions on Evangelism are recommending a Program of Evangelism for our future endeavors. This program will be submitted in printed form to The Evangelical United Brethren General Conference for consideration.

Finance and Stewardship

During the past conference year, our churches registered a total of 29,808 enrolled tithers—this is a gain of 1,446.

Benevolence Budget receipts totaled \$754,395 during the conference year, or 108% of the quota adopted by the General Conference.

Pastors' salaries for the conference year totaled \$2,914,842, or the highest we ever have registered in this phase of our work. This is an increase of \$229,362 over the previous year.

The W. M. A. contributions amounted to \$353,837, which is \$39,815 more than was reported the preceding year.

The Christmas offerings for our Homes and Orphanages totaled \$265,528. This is an increase of \$9,865 over the previous year.

Total giving for all purposes likewise registered a new record for our churches, totaling \$9,016,939. This is an increase of \$621,597.

Statistics, concerning membership and finance, are given on the following pages. These will give a fuller measure of our attainments in His service.

Along with evangelism we have sought to continue an emphasis on stewardship and some of the results of this emphasis can be observed in the statistics given above. Coming to the annual conference sessions this fall, however, a major emphasis was given to Christian Stewardship as authorized by the General Conference. In co-operation with twenty-seven other leading denominations of Canada and the United States, our churches are planning for an intensified study of Christian Stewardship during the year 1946-1947. In adopting and recommending this program to our churches, the General Conference set forth the following as our aim:

"Our aim will be to help our people, as a whole, to know through teaching and by experience that life, time, talents and material possessions have abiding values only as they are put at the disposal of the Kingdom; and to establish the church, as a whole, on a better and more adequate stewardship basis; and to encourage greater devotion among our laymen and fuller commitment of themselves to Christian service; and to challenge the youth of our churches to a complete commitment to Christ and the Church in order to meet the pressing need for Christian leadership."

As a result of this united study and intensified effort, it is hoped that we may realize at least 10% of our church membership enrolled as tithing stewards.

Permanent Funds

The Permanent Stewardship Education Fund now totals \$12,060 (this is of November 8, 1946). The income from this fund has meant much in providing stewardship literature for our churches. Donors to this fund are as follows:

Mary C. Highbarger (estate)	\$ 5,050.34
First U. B. Church, Martinsburg, W. Va.	650.00
R. C. Williams Fund	100.00
Central U. B. Church, Ganotown, W. Va.	200.00
Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Funkhouser	750.00
Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy A. Hodson	500.00
University Heights U. B., Indianapolis	150.00

St. Pauls U. B., Staunton, Va.	200.00
Mrs. R. D. Funkhouser	100.00
Tulsa U. B., Tulsa, Okla.	100.00
Dr. and Mrs. S. S. Hough	1,100.00
Fidelis Bible Class, Euclid Avenue U. B.	228.00
First U. B., Anderson, Indiana	118.00
East Dayton U. B., Dayton, Ohio	218.16
Calvary Church, Keyser, W. Va	150.00
Galesburg U. B., Galesburg, Ill.	125.00
Inwood U. B., Inwood, W. Va.	100.00
Fairmont U. B., Fairmont, W. Va.	100.00
Other Gifts	2,120.50
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According to the Records

The records during the past fourteen years reveal successes along the following lines:

	Church Members	Net Gain	Received C. of F.	S. S. Enroll.	Aver. Attend.	Benev. Budget Receipts
In 1933	403,786	2,870	19,023	413,807	234,603	\$353,933
In 1934	407,512	3,726	19,239	422,607	231,932	417,872
In 1935	409,874	2,362	17,660	417,542	229,133	438,763
In 1936	410,897	1,023	14,778	405,230	213,641	466,113
In 1937	411,674	777	15,450	390,063	206,775	490,334
In 1938	416,737	5,063	19,021	390,420	217,294	497,958
In 1939	419,319	2,582	18,118	396,348	223,144	513,139
In 1940	421,689	2,370	16,608	393,853	216,285	527,994
In 1941	424,435	2,746	15,594	386,691	210,839	553,808
In 1942	425,310	875	14,521	374,603	200,260	607,847
In 1943	429,393	4,083	14,531	360,556	187,400	645,532
In 1944	433,515	4,126	14,756	353,923	182,737	667,571
In 1945	436,525	3,010	15,165	355,111	186,763	685,428
In 1946	441,566	5,056	17,013	361,920	197,069	754,395

Observations

1. The number received by "Confession of Faith" shows an increase over the six preceding years.
2. The net gain shows a marked increase (2,046 more than one year ago). The reason, perhaps, was our evangelistic emphasis and endeavors.
3. *Evangelism* requires diligence in "soul-enlistment" as well as in "soul-winning" if it is to be effective for the kingdom of Christ. Christians are called to a stewardship.

A Final Word

Much of the credit, from the human side of it, must be given to the late Dr. S. S. Hough whose undaunted spirit and unwavering faith made an inestimable contribution toward the closer co-operation needed in our unified endeavors. For five quadrenniums he prayed for and struggled toward this ideal. The spirit of oneness with which our Communion now faces its tasks is, in part, but the lengthened shadow of his courageous soul. Like the Master, he often prayed that we all might be one.

May the Holy Spirit be with us and empower us and lead us as we come into united fellowship with our Evangelical co-workers, to the end that our union may be so complete and thorough that we may be multiplied in our effectiveness as witnessing stewards for Christ among men.

"Come, Holy Ghost, in love,
Shed on us, from above,
Thine own bright ray;
Divinely good Thou art,
Thy sacred gifts impart,
To gladden every heart;
Oh, come today."

SUNDAY SCHOOL PUBLICATIONS

The Evangelical Church

By Dr. W. E. Peffley

Mr. Bishop, Members, and Friends of the General Conference: The enrichment and expansion of the early Christian church were commensurate with the growth and development of Christian literature. The first body of such Christian literature, as you know, was the Letters of Paul and his associates in the great missionary work. The same is true when we read the story of the beginning and the promotion of Protestantism, when Luther, Calvin, Knox and all the others recognized the place of Christian literature and teaching in their evangelistic programs. In the Church which I have been permitted to serve in the capacity of Editor and Associate Editor, the same has been true.

Our first Sunday school was instituted in 1832, in the same territory in which the Church was founded. As the Sunday school developed in its departmentalizations the instructional features of the Sunday school were improved to meet the need of every age and every condition.

For the past thirty-one years it has been my privilege in some way to make contribution toward the development of our Sunday-school periodicals, which have had for their objective the development of personality in Christian life and in Christian service. We have aimed to make our Sunday-school literature helpful in the development of the fourfold life, the physical, the mental, the social, and the spiritual. And in this we have always aimed to make our literature first of all devotional, to cultivate and enrich the devotional life of our Sunday-school pupils, from the Nursery Department to the Home Department, not only devotional and spiritual, but we have tried to make our literature helpful from an instructional standpoint.

We all recognize the great need of Bible teaching and Bible learning. We know that there is a great illiteracy in Bible information, and we hear it on all sides, and we have tried to make our periodicals helpful in this particular.

We have tried to make them helpful not only in devotional and in instructional features, but also on the promotional side of our Church's life. We believe there is no field in which the Church and its activities may be promoted better than in the Sunday school, and so we have aimed to make our periodicals, from the smallest to the greatest, promotional in all of the aspects of our Church's life and service, missions, education, benevolence and especially evangelism.

Not only that, but we have tried to make our literature helpful from the cultural standpoint, in the preparation and circulation of wholesome reading, so that we may be able to counteract the evil influences of the salacious literature that is to be seen on all hands.

And now at the end of my thirty-first year in this particular service, I have asked my General Conference, and the General Conference of my denomination has graciously granted me a superannuated relationship. I owe all I have and all I have done to my Church, and I wish for the new Church all that can be had for it.

If I could speak a sermon at this time, I would like to say to this gathering, to this General Conference, what I have said for thirty-one years to my own denomination, that if there ever was a time, that time is now, when we need to promote and cultivate our Sunday-school literature for the sake of developing our church life and extending the kingdom of God.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LITERATURE

The United Brethren Church

By Dr. O. O. Arnold, Editor

Brother Bishop, Evangelical and United Brethren and Sisters: First of all, lest it be left out at the close of my remarks, I want now to present my fellow worker in this field in our former United Brethren Church—

agreeable, efficient, able, and always cheerful—the Associate Editor, Dr. Paul R. Koontz.

(Doctor Koontz was requested to stand, and was given a hearty round of applause.)

I would like also to present Dr. Paul E. Holdcraft, who has for eighteen years furnished for our Advance Quarterly and Otterbein Teacher the acceptable and much appreciated feature, "Sidelights and Illustrations"—Doctor Holdcraft.

(Doctor Holdcraft also received a hearty greeting from the assembly.)

Had I the time and opportunity, I would like also to have presented Miss Alta Becker, writer of material and editor of our children's materials. This material has been used in the Evangelical literature for the uniform lessons, as well as in the United Brethren Church, and so you are familiar with it. She is this week doing a part of our work in representing us in the Committee on Uniform Lessons of the International Council, now meeting in Toronto.

I would have appreciated the privilege of presenting Miss Etta V. Loesch, who has been since 1912 secretary of the Editors of Sunday School Literature as they have come and gone, and who is also the editor of our Little Folks—our story paper for children. And Miss Ida M. Koontz, who has been for almost as long a period providing material for helps for teachers of children in the Otterbein Teacher.

Then I must mention Dr. Daniel Berger, who was Editor of Sunday School Literature of the United Brethren Church for twenty years, and who in many ways fixed the form of our literature that has persisted until today.

And then I should mention Doctor, and now, Bishop H. H. Fout, who was from 1905 to 1913, Editor of Sunday School Literature, and who is with us yet today.

Then I would like to mention Dr. W. O. Freis, Dr. J. W. Owen, and Dr. J. A. Lyter, who served many years in this capacity in our Church.

An editor is on something of a spot when it comes to making a report. The literature is his report, and it would not be wise for him to boast much about that literature. "Let another praise thee, but not thine own lips." And it would not be wise for him to speak critically of it. Others can do that better than he. (Laughter) It is rather hard to be objective about your own work. In fact, often, when I finish some writing, it does not look very good to me, I am not satisfied at all, but then some months later when I read it, I am surprised that it is as good as it is. So I am not going to undertake to evaluate this literature. You have had it, and used it. You know better than I.

However, I am choosing to speak for the rest of my five minutes (I didn't look at my watch when I started). (Laughter) I guess I had better start now—on some things I have learned in these five years about the job of an editor in the United Brethren Church, an Editor of Sunday School Literature.

The first is this—it is a big job. My mother-in-law said when I was elected editor, it was too bad I quit preaching and went to work. (Laughter) She did not know it all, but there was some truth in it.

By the tradition of the United Brethren Church, the editors are expected to do most of the writing. I am not sure whether that is right or not, but that is the way it has been. I figured up the other day, Brother Koontz, and there is something like 9,000 words a week that the editors are expected to produce. Divide that up, and it makes nearly 5,000 words for each editor each week, and that in itself is some job.

And then consider this other job. After you have written it, you have to cut it to size and shape. It does not just happen that the material fits into the paper, or the page. The big job is to cut it to fit. It did not take me long to build this forty-five minute speech I wanted to make, but it is taking me a long time to cut it down. (Laughter) And that is the way with editors.

And then there is the reading of proof—commas, semicolons and capitalizations. We do not get them all, but we try to get them. And then the reading of the manuscripts and sending rejection slips. There come to us

every month no less than 120 manuscripts. We keep about ten or fifteen, and send word back in a courteous way that we are rejecting the rest.

Then the art work, and committee work, and the International Council representing the churches. I have to sit in these interdenominational meetings. So it is a big job.

In the second place, it is a steady job. There is always something to do. And I see that Doctor Koontz shakes his head. When my father was pastor of the Evangelical church in Sweet Home, Oregon, forty years ago, I was hired out to a neighbor farmer for five dollars a month. When I ran out of a job, back behind the woodshed was a pile of Oregon oak logs and a buck-saw, and I could finish my day's work there.

In this editorial work, there is always a backlog of orders, the presses are waiting, there is a deadline ahead.

Bishop Showers told me I would find in this job that the time passes rapidly. It does. There is always a dead line coming up.

In the next place, I dare say this is important work. The most important things in the world are ideas, and the most important ideas are the truths that come to us from God through his Word and through Jesus Christ, and the most important work in the world is bringing these truths into human hearts and lives.

To do it, there are two jobs. One is the job of the editor, putting it on paper. The other, and the bigger job, is that of the preacher, getting it out on the paper and putting it into the hearts and lives of people. But it is an important job. We deal in eternal values.

I counted up recently the total of our circulation. Every week 372,000 pieces of literature are going out from the editorial department of our Church for Sunday school helps. It is an important job. Every man must have a sense of the importance of his job to be satisfied. An editor has that sense.

Then last of all, it is a pleasant job. We are having a good time, Paul and I. I have always enjoyed studying the Bible, and you have a chance to do that. I have enjoyed working with words. I enjoy creative work, and this affords the opportunity to be creative.

Then I believe it is working with God, and I believe it is working with a multitude of people that makes me glad.

Now the next thing—and the bishop has not pounded his gavel yet, is this: I have not consulted with Doctor Koontz, but I think I speak for him. Our aim is first to make this literature Biblical. We believe in the Bible, the Word of God, and that that Word needs to be related to life.

We mean to make our literature evangelical and evangelistic. The lessons from John, which we just finished writing, and which will be studied in the first quarter of 1947, do not constitute a biography of Jesus. It is the Evangel. It is the Good News. We have tried to put that into our lessons. We want you to get it out—the Good News of the Lord Jesus Christ, his salvation, his pardon, the life eternal through Jesus Christ. We seek to keep our literature evangelistic.

We seek to keep our literature practical. I mean by that, trying to help somebody. The gospel is to be obeyed, as well as believed. There are things to do, things we need to do, because we believe in and accept Jesus Christ.

We have tried to make our literature attractive and interesting. We have tried to make it inspirational, not seeking to put in your minds altogether our thoughts, but to stir you to think and discover truths for yourselves.

Now I ask one other favor, and then I will be through. One of the privileges of an editor is to publish his own poetry, whether anybody else likes it or not. And I have been doing this. It seemed too me that this occasion demanded a poem, and before I learned that somebody else had written one, I started one myself. So in conclusion I want to read it for you. The title is "Lord, Make Us One." (Reads poem, as follows:)

LORD, MAKE US ONE

When Jesus faced the cross he prayed
 "Thy will be done,"
 And then He thought of us and prayed
 "God make them one."

Jesus went on in the will of God
 To the cross that was His to bear,
 But we have failed to let God answer
 His other prayer.

We've taken paths that led apart.
 Selfishness and pride
 And fear and hate have built between us
 Walls high and wide.

And the world has not believed
 He was God's only Son
 Because those who professed to follow Him
 Have not been one.

Together now we are glad to say
 A new day has begun,
 As we send the word to Christ our Lord,
 We will be one.

We pray with the Christ of the cross,
 "Thy will be done,"
 Lord make us selfless and humble,
 Lord make us one.

Dispel our fears and doubts,
 As mists fade before the sun;
 Give us faith and love and patience,
 Lord make us one.

Then walk with us through the narrows
 Till the victory is won,
 Cleanse us and help us and fill us,
 Lord, keep us one.

Then when we are at home at last
 With Father and with Son,
 Our great thrill will be the joy
 Of being one.

(Applause)

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The United Brethren Church

By Dr. O. T. Deevers, Secretary

Mr. Chairman, Members and Friends of the General Conference: I think you would like me to do a thing which is in my heart to do. There are three people here this evening who have made a very great contribution to the work of Christian education in the former United Brethren Church, and I should like to introduce them. I do not think it will hurt the former United Brethren to have a second look at them. I am referring to my staff.

First of all, Dr. W. R. Montgomery, our Director of Brotherhood and Adult work for a couple of years. He is doing a very fine piece of work. He is a delegate to this General Conference, a member of White River Conference. I would like him to stand so that you can see him.

(Dr. W. R. Montgomery stood and was appropriately greeted by the General Conference and visitors.)

Rev. J. Allan Ranck, a member of the East Pennsylvania Conference, has been for some months our splendid leader in the young people's field, our Director of Young People's Work. I would like him to stand so you can see him.

(Rev. J. Allan Ranck stood and was applauded.)

Miss Rachel Brant, for six years our Director of Children's Work, who is doing splendid work in that field is over here, and I would like for her to stand.

(Miss Rachel Brant stood and was applauded.)

Now I would like to say that for some months I have had the happiest fellowship with Dr. R. H. Mueller, the great leader of Christian education forces of the former Evangelical Church. We have had the finest fellowship in working on the Youth Fellowship. I have been with him in international groups, and I found him a great soul, and I am very happy to count him as a close brother now in this new Evangelical United Brethren Church. And his assistant, Rev. Ralph M. Holdeman, whom I have learned to love and appreciate. And I find myself in a very happy frame of mind to be thus associated with these great leaders.

Now just a word about the four colleges and the junior college of our former United Brethren Church which are now coming into this great river of Christian influence. We have four colleges and a junior college, not one of them with a dollar of debt, with total assets of about eight million dollars, full to overflowing with students, and in a flourishing condition.

Our seminary, with over a million dollars of assets, has a fine campus, splendid buildings, and is doing a very fine piece of work.

I am happy to tell you that our Sunday-school work, which suffered some decline for years, as yours did, is now, I think, in a situation with the tide turned, and is making advances, as I am happy to know the Evangelical group of Sunday-school workers have been doing.

During the years of my general leadership in the work of the Church, I have seen our Sunday-school department lead into church membership over 350,000 of its pupils. And this fine agency has had a continuous evangelistic program, and has made a great contribution to the life of the Church.

We have had a splendid Young People's program, for sixteen years, it was my privilege to be the leader of that group and in our conventions and other gatherings we turned every one of them into a revival. Many young people found their way to Jesus Christ. There were many Life Work Recruits, and other fine decisions that were made. And that spiritual influence has carried over into the camp program, now carried on in every one of our twenty-eight annual conferences.

Last year there were about 8,000 in our camps, with about 5,000 standard credits issued to them, and half as many more preparatory credits. In one camp alone there were seventy decisions for Christ, and so far as I can find, there were decisions in every one of these camps.

I would like to say our twenty-eight Conference Boards of Christian Education are doing a fine piece of work, perhaps the outstanding piece of work is this work in the camps.

I do not have time to speak of the vacation church schools, of the catechetical work, of the other types of work we are doing, but I am happy to report that the General Board of Christian Education is able to contribute to this united Church and the united Board of Christian Education about \$50,000 in current funds, and nearly a hundred thousand dollars in student funds, much of which has been gathered in in the last few years.

And this in closing: We were all inspired by the river of Ezekiel's vision portrayed in such a beautiful way by Bishop Epp, and we are inspired by the figure of the converging of the two rivers into this great river, by Bishop Batdorf. Now I would like to remind you of this, that these two converging rivers are deep, and wide, and able to float some big ships.

There are some majestic ships afloat. One of them we might call Missions, another Stewardship, another Evangelism, another Christian Social Action, and one of them Christian Education. And on the ship of Christian Education of the former United Brethren Church there are between 300,000 and

400,000 passengers from our Sunday schools, 50,000 or 60,000 passengers from our Young People's societies, nearly a thousand in our colleges—and Life Work Recruits, and the boys and girls in our vacation church schools, and several thousand in our Leadership Education classes, and so on.

And now we find ourselves at the converging of these two rivers by the side of another ship of Christian Education that looks like ours, and we are ready to disembark our passengers, our recruits, and get them ready to go into that larger ship that you are going to provide now as we sail on down the river together.

I have just one or two suggestions about this new ship of Christian Education. Make it as large as you can so that we will not be too cramped on the inside. We want to stop at some of the ports down the way and take on new recruits.

Let us have an altar of prayer, where there can be decisions for Christ, and where those who surrender themselves to Christ can come into close relationship with the Commander-in-Chief, so we can go forward to a real conquest of faith on down the way. Thank you. (Applause)

STATEMENTS BY COLLEGE AND SEMINARY PRESIDENTS

ALBRIGHT COLLEGE—READING, PENNSYLVANIA

Bishop John S. Stamm: The President of Albright College, Dr. H. V. Masters. (Applause)

Dr. H. V. Masters, President: It is a very happy privilege indeed to be the representative of the oldest of the collegiate institutions in the former Evangelical Church, our college having been founded in 1856. We are located in Reading, Pennsylvania. We are the easternmost of the colleges in what is now our new denomination. Some of you are pretty far east so far as your usual residence is concerned. We hope if you have an opportunity you will go a little farther east, and include Reading on your trip. Thank you. (Applause)

WESTERN UNION COLLEGE—LE MARS, IOWA

Bishop John S. Stamm: Dr. D. O. Kime, Western Union College. (Applause)

Dr. D. O. Kime, President: Western Union College is in Northwestern Iowa, and I should like to extend an invitation to each of the delegates to visit our campus. I will give you an airplane ride. (Applause)

NORTH CENTRAL COLLEGE—NAPERVILLE, ILLINOIS

Bishop John S. Stamm: Dr. C. Harve Geiger, newly elected President of North Central College. (Applause)

Dr. C. Harve Geiger, President: I want to assure you that it has been a real pleasure for me to attend this, my first General Conference. What I have seen and heard make me rather anticipate 1950, I believe the second Tuesday in November.

North Central College, as all of you know, is located in Naperville, Illinois, twenty-eight miles west of Chicago. You know it is said that sooner or later every adherent of the Mohammedan religion visits Mecca. In this country we say every good American at one time or another visits the city of Chicago. The moral is obvious: When you are in Chicago, visit Naperville and North Central College. It will be a pleasure for all of us associated with the institution to have you as our guest on the campus. Thank you very much. (Applause)

OTTERBEIN COLLEGE—WESTERVILLE, OHIO

The Chairman: Otterbein College, President J. Gordon Howard. (Applause)

Dr. J. Gordon Howard, President: Otterbein College is in Westerville,

Ohio, on the edge of Columbus, the State Capital. It was established in 1847. We are now observing our one hundredth anniversary. We are in the midst of celebrating our centennial. We will have a Centennial Education Conference, April 25 and 26, to which editors and churchmen are invited. You will see further notice in the Church paper concerning it. We will be glad to have you put it on your calendar right away. Thank you. (Applause)

LEBANON VALLEY COLLEGE—ANNVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA

The Chairman: Lebanon Valley College, President Clyde A. Lynch. (Applause)

Dr. Clyde A. Lynch, President: Lebanon Valley College was born at Anville, Pennsylvania, near Lebanon, in 1866. It is still there, doing business, growing up. In the last thirty-five years the institution has had only two presidents. We have just completed a campaign for funds in the amount of \$550,000. Come and see us. (Applause)

YORK COLLEGE—YORK NEBRASKA

The Chairman: York College, Nebraska, President D. E. Weidler. (Applause)

Dr. D. E. Weidler, President: York College is also an eastern college. You have to go a hundred miles west of York before you are half way across the continent. (Laughter) But we are the most western college of the new denomination, and of our own former denomination. We are in our fifty-sixth year. We are out of debt. We have a quarter of a million dollars toward a greater York College. When you are going to the west, come through on Route 134, and stop and see us. (Applause)

INDIANA CENTRAL COLLEGE—INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

The Chairman: Indiana Central College, President I. Lynd Esch. (Applause)

Dr. I. Lynd Esch, President: I am happy to represent the youngest of the educational institutions of the former United Brethren Church. We are located in the city of Indianapolis, the "Crossroads of America." You have to go through Indianapolis when you go east or west. I have two requests: First, if you want to know something more about our college, which I have not the time to tell you, secure literature from our display in the First Evangelical church. There is a lot of it. The second request is that you be sure and stop at our campus when you do go through Indianapolis. Thank you. (Applause)

SHENANDOAH COLLEGE—DAYTON, VIRGINIA

The Chairman: Shenandoah College, President L. P. Hill. (Applause)

Dr. L. P. Hill, President: I appeared here the other day, and had to leave in a hurry. Shenandoah is located in the heart of the Shenandoah Valley in Virginia. We are the only southern institution in this great Church. Shenandoah was founded in 1875. Actually, we have two institutions, a two year college, and a conservatory of music, a four year institution, granting degrees. We will be very happy to have you visit us any time. We are just off Route 11, one of the main highways north and south. It has been a great pleasure to be here, and I extend you a cordial invitation to come to see us. (Applause)

BONEBRAKE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY—DAYTON, OHIO

The Chairman: I shall present at this time the representative of Bonebrake Theological Seminary, Dean Charles E. Ashcraft. (Applause)

Dean Charles E. Ashcraft: We are now seventy-five years old. You have our PAGEANT OF PROGRESS. We are the only seminary in the former United Brethren Church. We are at the "Hub of the Church." Come and visit the Hub. (Applause)

EVANGELICAL THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY—NAPERVILLE, ILLINOIS

Bishop John S. Stamm: In presenting the other two presidents, the presidents of our two seminaries, I am foregoing some personal feeling. I want to present both of them as my successors. Doctor Heininger succeeded me in the field of Systematic Theology, and he has made a good job of it since he took hold. Dr. H. R. Heininger, president of the Evangelical Theological Seminary at Naperville, Illinois. (Applause)

Dr. H. R. Heininger, President: It is an honor to be a member of this distinguished group on the platform. You have already discovered that most of us are brothers under the skin. It is an honor to represent the sixty-five men who are here who have been graduated from our college, founded in 1873. We have 915 graduates, at present 73 boys enrolled, representing twenty of the conferences of The Evangelical United Brethren Church. We are located on the campus adjoining North Central College. We would hardly be able to take care of all of you at Naperville, if you should come. More money should be spent for theological education and the proper equipment in order to do a better job. I would like to close by saying that we try to follow the admonition of Adolf Harnock. In one of his writings, he says, "Doxology comes before Dogma." We would like to keep the Christian experience vital and state it in the most zealous fashion the human mind can find, and we ask for your prayers in this endeavor. (Applause)

EVANGELICAL SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY—READING, PA.

Bishop John S. Stamm: Dr. J. A. Heck, who succeeded me as President of the Evangelical School of Theology at Reading, Pennsylvania a few years ago, and he is now doing the thing I could not do. (Applause)

Dr. J. A. Heck, President: The Evangelical School of Theology is the baby theological seminary, although this baby is now forty-one years old. We are a small seminary, with fine equipment, adequate to our needs and purposes. We are able to take care of twice as many students as we have. We are located on the campus of Albright College, and we are an accredited theological school, just as our sister institutions are accredited.

May I just call your attention to the fact that in the First Evangelical church, across the way, there are still about fifty or sixty copies of our brief history. If you are especially interested in knowing all about this baby institution, go over there and pick up one of these bulletins. If the supply runs out, let us know and we will gladly send you a copy. (Applause)

STATEMENTS BY REPRESENTATIVES OF BENEVOLENT HOMES

FLAT ROCK ORPHANS' HOME, FLAT ROCK, OHIO

Rev. J. H. Arndt, Superintendent: Mr. Chairman, I represent, I believe, the oldest benevolent institution of The Evangelical United Brethren Church. The Flat Rock Children's Home was established in 1866, with eight children. In 1867, it was given over to the general Church and operated by the Church since then. For eighty years, it has cared for and nurtured 1848 homeless children. Our total assets are \$688,132. At present we have a population of eighty children.

The Flat Rock Children's Home is located in the north central part of Ohio, seventy miles west of Cleveland, fifty miles east of Toledo, twenty miles south of Sandusky, twenty-one miles north of Tiffin, three and one-half miles southwest of Bellevue. Come to see us. We entertained over two thousand visitors last year. We will keep you twenty-four hours, give you three good meals and a good bed, free of charge. And then if you want to stay longer, you start working. (Applause)

THE EVANGELICAL HOME, INC., LEWISBURG, PA.

Rev. G. C. Gabriel, Superintendent: Mr. Bishop, representing the Evangelical Home at Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, I remind you that we are located along the beautiful Susquehanna River. We began to raise funds from a bequest of \$115 made in 1879. The first steps toward the establishment of the Home were taken in 1915, when we purchased a farm, costing \$30,000 and approximately \$4,000 of stock, and we had only \$4,000 in our treasury.

Since that time we have erected new buildings. We have increased our assets to approximately \$800,000. We have eighty people in the Department of the Aged, and forty children in the Children's Department. We have a series of cottages for retired ministers and their families. We, in connection with the community, operate a forty-two bed hospital. We are striving to give service, protection to the aged and the children, and to people of our community. We invite you not only to come to see us, but come and stay with us. Thank you. (Applause)

THE HAVEN HUBBARD MEMORIAL OLD PEOPLE'S HOME, NEW CARLISLE, INDIANA

Rev. C. D. Westfall, Superintendent: Mr. Chairman, I assure you that it has been a pleasure to be here in this General Conference session. It will seem great to get back home again. It will be an exceedingly great pleasure to me and to our staff to welcome each and all of you at any time at Haven Hubbard Memorial Old People's Home, either as visitors, or members on probation. Thank you. (Applause)

THE PACIFIC EVANGELICAL HOME FOR THE AGED, BURBANK, CALIFORNIA

Rev. E. W. Maiz: The Pacific Evangelical Home for the Aged is located at Burbank, California, where life begins at sixty-five. When the time comes when you feel you should or must retire, remember there is a home in California that will be glad to receive you. Entrance fees are from \$45.00 a month and up.

The Home has made tremendous progress recently. We are planning to expand, to build more houses, cottages for people who want and need to retire. And this, of course, includes ministers of The Evangelical United Brethren Church. Perhaps you have elderly people in your congregations who would like to come to California, but who are not assured about the housing proposition. The housing problem is very serious in certain parts of California, but we try to retain a few rooms for Evangelical and now Evangelical United Brethren people who come from other parts of the country. In case they do come, we might at least take care of them temporarily. But, of course, the main purpose of the Home is to provide for those who want to spend the rest of their lives in Sunny California. (Applause)

WESTERN OLD PEOPLE'S HOME, CEDAR FALLS, IOWA

Rev. George A. Stauffacher, Superintendent: Your Western Old People's Home is located at Cedar Falls, Iowa. Our present family consists of 116 aged people. It is the aim and purpose of your board of trustees, as well as the matron and myself, to make the Western Old People's Home not an institution with an administration, but a home with an altar. We are not prompted by human pity alone, but by Christian compassion. It is very appealing to us to think of Christ throwing his arms about little children, his interest in youth, his healing ministry and his teaching ministry. That picture, my brethren, is not complete until this same tender Shepherd enfolds in his loving arms and care the aged and the infirm, ministers to them in their cares, their anxieties and their fears, and gives them of his comfort and his peace. (Applause)

THE OLD PEOPLE'S HOME, INTERLAKEN, SWITZERLAND

Rev. Frederick Gloor: At Interlaken, known throughout the world, is located our Old People's Home. I am not the superintendent. I am the president of the board of the Old People's Home. The name of the superintendent is Frederick Woodtle. I might as well be Brother Hostetler, who a moment ago represented one of the homes. I have a very strong suspicion that he is a Swiss, even coming from Berne, but not a "slow burn." We have a preacher by the name of Hostetler. He comes from Berne, but he's slow. (Laughter)

In our Old People's Home, there are about seventy old people. There are among them some very beautiful, lovely characters, who seem almost ripe for Heaven. But it doesn't always happen. (Laughter) In America I hope it is better. (Laughter) The worth of our property is about 650,000 Swiss francs—in American value about \$150,000. This is not all paid for. We still have considerable debts. The debts are being amortized, and there is always something being paid off on the amount. With this, I close my remarks. (Applause)

THE COLONEL BAKER HOME—CALIFORNIA

J. C. Snell: Mr. Chairman, the Colonel Baker Home is located in California, about twenty-five miles east of Los Angeles. We have twenty-three and one-half acres of land there, a portion of it planted to citrus fruits. We have total assets of more than \$213,000, and no debts. We also have a long term, forward looking program for the development of the Home. The plan is to clear the grounds and build cottages and homes for retired ministers. We have no entrance fee. We furnish a home for retired ministers who want to come and live in California. (Applause)

THE OTTERBEIN HOME, LEBANON, OHIO

Dr. J. R. Overmiller, Superintendent: Bishop Showers, and Friends of young and old: Bishop Showers has indicated that we are located close to Dayton, in a position particularly located where we can accommodate Bishops and General Officers. (Laughter) And they do come our way. Otterbein Home came into being in the year 1913, at a time when the United Brethren Church purchased a large property from the Shaker group of people. We have at the present time a farm of 1459 acres, which goes toward the making of the livelihood in part for this great family.

We can accommodate about 110 aged people, and 130 or 140 children. I would not for a minute make an invitation like Superintendent Arndt did, when he invited everybody to come. If I were to say what he did about your coming and staying over night, I would want you to come when I am away from home. We have had as many as 365 come for dinner at one time. It is too pushing. And, when 60 or 70 people come to stay over-night, it indicates that we must not be doing our business, or we would not have room for that many people.

Our rooms are nearly all full. We are crowded. We need more room for old people and for children. The demand is so great that we are embarrassed. We are seeking to meet the need in caring for these children and in bringing them up properly, and making our aged people happy and comfortable to the end. We appreciate your interest and your prayers. (Applause)

QUINCY ORPHANAGE AND HOME, QUINCY, PA.

Professor A. C. Wertsch, Superintendent: Bishop Showers, Members of The Evangelical United Brethren General Conference, and Friends: I am happy to bring you greetings from the Quincy Orphanage and Home, located in Quincy, Franklin County, Pennsylvania, just 105 miles from here. I drove up here this morning in two hours and fifteen minutes. This is pretty good traveling for 105 miles. I am happy to be here. (Laughter, and applause)

I came on the Super Highway. We have a family today of 122 children and 59 aged guests. We are filled up with the old folks, but we have room for about 25 more children. We are located in a very fine part of the United States, in Pennsylvania. Franklin County is one of the finest counties in the United States. California may be all right, but the East is mighty fine, too. I know we are providing a fine home.

We have grown tremendously in the past forty-three years. We started our Home in 1903. It was developed in the minds and hearts of Rev. and Mrs. Harvey J. Kitzmiller, who gave the farm to the Church to establish this great Home. And through the support of Christian friends, it has grown until today we have assets of \$600,000, in round figures, and we have 350 acres of fine, fertile land. So we are well situated to provide the accommodation and the care for needy children and for aged guests. One aged guest recently made this remark to me. She said, "Mr. Wertsch, I have been praying for two things in this world. I am praying for a home on earth and a home in heaven. I now have my home on earth." It is a fine thing to be able to provide a home on earth for those who are in need of a home. Thank you very much. (Applause)

CHRISTIAN SOCIAL ACTION

The United Brethren Church

By Professor Roy D. Miller

Mr. Chairman, and Members of the General Conference: Some of you have had some experience in cooking and in preparing a meal which was supposed to be served at six o'clock, and then you had to serve it at seven or eight o'clock. That is about the way it is with the few remarks I want to make, which were prepared to be spoken on Monday afternoon, and now have to be spoken here on Wednesday morning.

The task of the Commission on Christian Social Action is to use methods to get people to behave in their human social relationships according to the principles of the Christian religion, and therefore, in ways which will do good to their fellowmen and not evil.

In the former United Brethren Church we have not done too much in this field. I think the philosophy of the Church has been rather largely expressed by a young man who came into a meeting in our Dayton United Brethren Council a few weeks ago, when we were discussing the question as to whether or not the Church should get into politics, and some of the problems that were arising in our social order because of the activities of the Government, and so on. This young man said that he believed if we would give our time to the winning of people to Jesus Christ, we would not need to bother about these problems.

I could not go along with him in that for several reasons. First of all, because, we never have, do not now and probably never shall have enough people converted to the Christian way of life to make our social order Christian.

And, secondly, because as Dr. Reinhold Niebauer said in *World Man and Moral Society*, "Man does not behave in his group relationships and in his social relationships according to the principles he holds and claims to hold as an individual.

I think you can recognize the truth of that as you have observed persons of high standards of morality and ethics, in their public relationships, living according to principles which seem to be out of harmony.

Rather, we must give ourselves as a Church to an active crusade against a great many of the evils in our social order. We have done a few things I would like to mention before I close.

In the General Conference of the United Brethren Church in 1941, we established a Committee on Social Justice and International Relations. That committee was appointed, and met, and outlined a very interesting and forward looking program, and began to work on it. Then with the coming of the war, members of the committee were scattered in various

places, and it was impossible because of the limited budget with which the committee was working, even to get them together in a meeting.

Then our Board of Bishops appointed an advisory committee which was to work in the interim between that time and the General Conference in 1945, to carry on that program. That was done, and in 1945 a Commission on Christian Social Action was appointed, which, during the eighteen months that have elapsed since its appointment, has done as much work, I suppose, as could be expected of it in the situation in which it was working, under the conditions under which it was working.

The Evangelical United Brethren Church and the churches of this denomination will be working in communities during the next quadrennium, communities which will be conditioned a great deal by alcohol, by Labor-Management conflict, by international ill-will, by racial segregation, by family deterioration, and a great many other social evils.

What is the Church going to do about those things? It seems to me there is a real problem, if with our increased emphasis on evangelism, on the winning of a great many people to Christ, we then send those people out in the early beginnings of their Christian life, into that kind of community, where many will succumb to those social evils.

It seems to me we have to uphold this other side of our great task as a Christian church, not only to win people, but to do all we can to change the environment in which those people must live, and we must give a great deal of attention in the years to come to this phase of our program. I am happy to represent it from the United Brethren side of our Church, and I pray that you may see and grasp the opportunity to work with your new Commission on Christian Social Action, to help bring the kingdom of God in society, as well as in the hearts of people. (Applause)

CHRISTIAN SOCIAL ACTION

The Evangelical Church

By Dr. Raymond M. Veh

Mr. Chairman, and Members of the General Conference: The Evangelical Church since its inception has been an evangelistic church, aware of its spiritual responsibilities. As the Church has grown larger and stronger, it has become increasingly alert to the pressure of the secular world upon its membership. The creation of a right social order has been the purposeful endeavor of the Church since its beginning. Social action must accompany the evangelistic concern of the church of Jesus Christ.

Our generation, as generations in the past, is disturbed by the conflicts between the idealism of the church and the realism of the economic and social order. There is a growing consciousness that the church must keep alive its sense of responsibility for social righteousness. Multitudes are seeking to become enlightened about facts and methods of social morality. Without departing from its own distinctive service in the worship of God and the proclamation of the gospel of salvation, the church is called upon to exert the full power of its idealism and love of man in the cause of human justice and in the establishment of conditions that will honor God and human personality.

Following the lead of other national church bodies, the Evangelical Church established the Board of Christian Social Action at the General Conference of 1934, in Akron, Ohio. The objectives of this Board, which have been basic in its work through the past two quadrenniums are:

1. To make a careful and continuous study of current social trends, purposes, problems, legislation and involvements.
2. To make available outlined studies for district and group gatherings of ministers, laymen and youth, with helpful suggestions for a program of social action in the local churches.
3. To prepare and release statements setting forth its findings on present-day social issues.

4. To publish in pamphlet form such statements as warrant a wider distribution.

5. To bring to the General Conference in its quadrennial reports such information as will enable the Committee on Christian Social Action to present a more factual report on the social purposes of the Church.

To fulfill these objectives, the board has worked each year on a committee basis. Social research is an activity that must be constant. These committees are at work during the year, currently re-thinking the problems in the areas assigned, as follows:

- (1) Committee on War and Peace
- (2) Committee on Moral and Social Welfare
- (3) Committee on Economic Welfare
- (4) Committee on the Home.

At each of the annual meetings of the board, each of these committees has presented a carefully wrought statement. These statements have been so pungent that in the past two years brochures have been printed containing the pronouncements of the committees as approved by the board.

The board has issued bulletins in the general and specific fields of Christian Social Action, which have had a large circulation. To give help to local churches developing a program of action on social concerns, there has been issued this past year a pamphlet: "The Committee on Christian Social Action in the Local Church." At various times the officers have communicated with national authorities, expressing the convictions of the Church on pressing issues.

During this past quadrennium, the General Administrative Council assigned the field of alcohol education to this board. To fulfill this mandate, the Committee on Alcohol Education, with co-opted members, developed a comprehensive program and materials on Temperance Education. This material, with a most helpful manual on the subject, is ready for printing as soon as clearance can be made.

II

The prime work of the Board of Christian Social Action during the last five years was, as it should have been, meeting the emergency needs occasioned by the war. In the office of this board are the names of over 50,000 Evangelical young men and women who have gone from our home churches to the far corners of the earth. In four and one-half years, monthly bulletins have been sent to pastors to send to the men and women on their lists. Letters by general officers have likewise been sent periodically. Indeed, the Evangelical Church has an amazing and singular record of faithfulness in pursuing its members wherever the nation sent them around the world.

Fifty-eight ministers left their fields of labor to serve in a wider parish, to minister to thousands of men and women in national service. Through this board, the Commission on Army and Navy Chaplains, and the Servicemen's Christian League, we have kept in touch with these ministers. They have been furnished materials and help to aid in their important service.

We regret to note that nearly eight hundred young men and women paid the supreme sacrifice in their loyalty and service to the cause of the nation. These have been remembered in a separate file, their parents or wives given a memorial brochure, and a letter was sent to the bereaved ones through the bishops.

To carry on this national service work, the Church raised over \$50,000.

The Church has fifty-one young men assigned to Civilian Public Service Camps, that their scruples against war might be preserved. The Church has exercised diligent effort to aid these young men, and to give aid in meeting their costs of maintenance in the Civilian Service Camps and units. The Church has given \$13,000 for such work to the Peace Churches.

III

Larger relationships have been maintained by the board with all agencies serving the Church in the field of Christian Social Action. Connections have been maintained with the Commission to Study the Bases of a Just and Durable Peace of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, with

the General Commission on Army and Navy Chaplains, the Servicemen's Christian League (which we supported with gifts totaling around \$8,000), and the National Service Board for Religious Objectors.

The Christian church today must bring the whole social process under the light of the ultimate criterion, the Christian conception of the redeemed personality and society. If it is to accomplish so high a calling, it dare not substitute any program for its gospel, and it must purge itself of partisan feeling. The church of Jesus Christ alone has the conception of life needed to guide human society in the stress of social reconstruction. It will be tragic if it does not provide leadership for such a time as this.

Humanity cries for the solution of overwhelming problems in relationships. The great commandment, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy mind, and with all thy soul, and thy neighbor as thyself," must be the everlasting answer of the Church. Carrying this message of all mankind will consume all the energy and determination which members of the Christian church can invest. (Applause)

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Evangelical Church

By Dr. R. H. Mueller

Mr. Chairman, and Members of the General Conference: Will somebody please report to the Indiana (Ev) delegation that I finally made it? This is the third time I have been called to the platform for this presentation. If you will look at your agenda for Monday afternoon, you will see that I was "in the box." Then they put me on ice. The next day, Tuesday, they had me in hot water all day, until toward evening it got to the boiling point. But the old speech is spoiled now. I will not make a speech. (Applause)

I had the privilege of giving two speeches to the United Brethren group at Westerville, in their General Conference, so they know all I have to say on evangelism. The Evangelicals have heard me often enough, so it is not necessary for me to make a speech. I like to preach and speak better than eat, and I do like to eat. But I want to make a few introductions.

(Thereupon, as noted below, Doctor Mueller introduced several of the staff, asking them to stand and be greeted by the General Conference. In each case the members of the staff were applauded by the Conference.)

First of all, I want to present Miss Edith A. Loose, assistant editor of Sunday School Literature for Children, who has served us as chairman of the Children's Work Committee, and who has not yet been presented to this General Conference. In our former denomination the editors of Sunday School Literature have rendered outstanding service in heading up our age-level committees, and Miss Loose has done a good job in children's work. (Here Miss Loose was presented.)

Dr. Raymond M. Veh, editor of the youth paper, "The Crusader" now "Builders," was chairman of our Youth Work Committee. He has previously appeared before the Conference and needs no introduction by me. Dr. G. L. Schaller, editor of Adult Sunday School Literature (now associate editor in the new Church), has served as chairman of the Adult Work Committee. Thus the channels of these periodicals were open for our promotional work. Doctor Schaller has also appeared before the Conference.

I also want to present my assistant, Rev. Ralph M. Holdeman. At the same time, I want to announce, with the full consent of Dr. O. T. Deever, newly elected General Secretary of Evangelism, that we have agreed to the appointment of brother Holdeman as Assistant Secretary of Evangelism on half time, and also as Director of Church School Administration with the Board of Christian Education on half time. Will Doctor Holdeman please stand?

I also want to state that Dr. W. R. Montgomery will be appointed as Director of Adult and Brotherhood Work, and I want to present him.

Rev. J. Allan Ranck will be appointed as Director of Young People's Work. Will you please stand, Doctor Ranck? He is way over here to the right.

Miss Rachel Brant will be appointed as Director of Children's Work, but she does not seem to be present now.

I am aware of the fact that these persons will have to be appointed by the Board of Christian Education, but since we have agreed on them, this announcement will indicate to the members of the board what they will be asked to ratify.

These persons will be the staff workers in this field. Thank you very much, Bishop.

RURAL LIFE

By Dr. J. P. Hendrix

Mr. Chairman, and Members of the General Conference: We grow increasingly conscious of interdependence between the urban churches and the churches in the villages and the open country. Because of the constant flow of population from rural centers to urban centers, much of the leadership necessary among the younger adults in the urban churches must be drawn from youth who come from the country.

We have tried during our work in the Rural Life Commission of the former United Brethren Church to develop by education and inspiration and organization a consciousness of this interdependence. We have tried likewise to raise by inspiration and instruction the morale of the small churches of the open country and the villages to overcome the sense of defeatism that is so common in those groups.

We have insisted that there are no great or small pulpits, but that the work of the kingdom of God is vitally important whether the congregation be at the crossroads or a city corner, and whether the group served is small or large.

We have tried also to understand the changing social and economic conditions in rural areas which have caused the death of so many of our churches. Someone has said there are as many dead rural United Brethren churches as living ones, that is, as many have been abandoned as now exist. So there are many rural communities without religious leadership.

It has been our interest to revive the morale, to lift the understanding, to increase the enthusiasm, and to rebuild, by a reorganization of these churches, the religious life of the rural community and the churches of the rural communities. Thank you. (Applause)

PENSIONS AND ANNUITIES

By Mr. George Huggins, Actuary, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Mr. Chairman, Bishop Stamm, Members of the Uniting Conference: We actuaries become concerned at times over the increasing longevity among our pensioners and annuitants, and so we are accused of being cold-blooded. In fact, a friend told me the other day that an actuary gave a blood transfusion to a friend. The friend died shortly afterwards, and at the autopsy they found the blood had frozen in his veins. (Laughter)

The uniting of two great church bodies, with splendid histories and records of Christian service, is a great event. However, such an event carries with it many problems which have to be worked out most carefully in order to avoid friction and misunderstandings in the administration of the united church.

We at this moment are concerned with the problems of one phase of the work of the united Church. I doubt if there has been any merger of two Christian bodies that has received such a lot of careful thought in advance. So much has been done to smooth out the problems that might arise after the merger. And I do congratulate you and your Joint Commissions on what they have done.

As a matter of fact, I have in my files correspondence on the problem of merging these two boards in the event of a church merger, as far back as February, 1935.

Now, your united pension board has before it during the next quadrennium four major problems, and I want you to think with me for a few minutes on those four problems.

The first one is to so administer the existing plans of the separate churches so that every obligation, legal or moral, will be carried out in full. We must safeguard the interests of the beneficiaries, present and future, of those two funds.

Then we must set up and administer, and you have paved the way through the Discipline, a fund that will be adequate for those who enter the ministry, and I trust the lay service, of the merged Church after November 16, 1946.

By the way, when I mention that date, may I say that I am proud that you chose my birthday as the day of the beginning of the uniting General Conference. (Applause)

The third problem is to plan during the quadrennium or as nearly as possible the unifying of the two programs which are handed over to the united board. I long to see the day when the schedules of benefits will be alike for like periods of service, and the conditions under which they will be entered upon, so that no longer will it be necessary to tag a man as to which door he came through into the merged church.

I look back with great satisfaction to the work that was done prior to the merger of the Evangelical Association and the United Evangelical Church, where steps were taken before the merger, so that from that day on we did not have to ask a question as to whether the service was rendered in the one church or the other, or the merged church. And I hope the board will give a great deal of thought and study to that question, so that we can come to the next General Conference and say we have a plan by which the benefits will be unified as far as is humanly possible.

Now the fourth problem is a very great one. A pension board cannot create money. They put you in the penitentiary for doing that. It can only receive money, administer it, and pay it out in the form of benefits when they fall due. The larger the income and the resources, the larger can be the benefits.

Now the laymen of our churches always respond most heartily to the appeal that comes to them for increased support for aged and disabled ministers and for their widows and minor children. However, unfortunately in many cases, we have to fight past the preacher to get to the ears of the laymen. I hope that will not have to be done in this quadrennium, because we want the support of every preacher and every layman and every institution and agency in the Church.

I do not know if you ministers realize as much as the laymen here realize what is going on in the field of industry. The wage earners are not only protected under Social Security, but industry says those benefits are not enough, and, therefore, all through the country we have literally thousands of supplementary pension programs being set up so as to provide benefits in excess of those provided through the Social Security program.

Now, happily, in industry the management of corporations can appropriate money out of surplus earnings to put into the reserves to pay those supplementary pensions when they fall due. That is not a flash in the pan movement. It has become an integral part of our social and economic life.

The Government recognizes the movement and approves it, because if the plan is set up actuarially, and is financially sound, and not discriminatory in favor of high-salaried officials, the contributions to that fund can be classed as business expenses, and, to that extent, tax free.

So in these days of high income taxes, the corporations have been able to make substantial contributions to these funds. Part of that money is a reduction in the tax to the Government, and the rest is a contribution from surplus.

There is another force at work, of very great influence, and that is that the unions are demanding those supplementary pensions, and they are being written into wage contracts and agreements, so that the minimum is seventy-five dollars a month from both sources, or eighty, or ninety, or a hundred, and the day may not be far off when many of them will have a minimum of \$150.00 a month. Those agreements are being written into wage contracts.

Now, what is our situation with our ministerial group? There is a group who dedicate their lives to the service of Christ. They spend years of preparation, and then lead a sacrificial life for the good of the community. And look at what we are now providing for them!

So I say to you that we must have larger income to provide larger benefits. Remember three things: First of all, the cost of living is way higher than it used to be. For example, when we started the Evangelical Association superannuation fund—planned for it in 1908 and 1909, and started it in 1911, we were thinking in terms of the cost of living then. And, believe it or not, there were no Federal income taxes.

Today, that same schedule of benefits prevails, and we have our present-day living costs. We cannot earn the income on our invested reserve funds. And then, happily for the beneficiaries, but not for the actuary, they are living longer than they formerly did, which takes more money, because the payments have to extend over a longer period.

Now, you are extremely fortunate in the leadership that is available for your movement, the pension program, during the next four years. You have outstanding leadership in your boards, the members of which have been so carefully selected. And you have an outstanding leader in Doctor Doescher, who will be ably assisted by Doctor Heiss.

I say to you preachers, let the message go to the laymen of the Church that we must have more funds to provide larger benefits. Our sister churches have faced up to the issue of increased longevity and low yield. The Episcopal Church has just authorized the increasing of dues in the Church Pension Fund from $7\frac{1}{2}$ to 10 per cent of the salary for benefits paid for wholly by the congregations. Two of the Presbyterian bodies have increased their contributions, and the Reformed Church, the Congregational Churches, and so on down the line.

So I say to you as you face this quadrennium, please include in your thinking the problem of providing increased funds, so that we may increase the benefits to the present pensioners as well as those who are serving the Church and will come to retirement age later on, and who will look to the pension boards for their support.

Some of us do not think far enough in advance at times. I saw a letter from a minister in another denomination, who had steadfastly refused to come into the fund. He said: "I will be seventy next fall. It is time I began to think of my pension."

Well, today we have to begin to think about pensions of real young men and young women, because every man or woman who enters the service of the Church is a potential pensioner, and we should start planning for what business calls depreciation or deferred salary.

My message to you, therefore, is to do everything in your power during this quadrennium to strengthen the hands of your pension board, and Doctor Doescher and Doctor Heiss, keeping in mind those four problems that are before them. And remember they have the difficulty to solve. All they need is your help and your support. (Applause)

Part IV

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PART IV

REFERENCE MATERIALS SELECTED FROM THE OFFICIAL WHITE BOOK

**Presented by Dr. J. Gordon Howard, Secretary of the Commission on
Church Federation and Union**

(Editors' Note: Sections of the "Official White Book", adopted by the General Conference without reference to committees, and Enabling Acts have been kept out of this reference material and will be found in the report of the Commission on Church Federation and Union, or listed under the heading "Enabling Acts," or found reflected in the reports of General Conference Committees dealing with the subject matter of the section in question.)

MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING OF THE COMMISSION ON CHURCH FEDERATION AND UNION

August 2 and 3, 1946, Chicago, Illinois

Bishop J. S. Stamm, co-chairman of the Joint Meeting, called the Joint Commission to order at 1:30 p. m., August 2, 1946, Hotel Bismarck, Chicago, Illinois. Bishop Stamm led the devotional period, reading from the Holy Scriptures (Philippians 1:3-11) and making brief appropriate comments. Rev. C. L. Sorg and Bishop F. L. Dennis were called upon to offer prayer while the commissioners stood in reverence.

The secretaries called the roll and the following responded as present:

From the Evangelical Church:

J. S. Stamm, G. E. Epp, E. W. Praetorius, C. H. Stauffacher, A. F. Weaver, Edwin Heina, I. L. Schweitzer, E. G. Frye, H. A. Kellerman, A. M. Bahn, J. H. Heidinger, N. C. Milliron, R. H. Aurand, R. H. Mueller, W. G. Rembolt, C. A. Bender, C. L. Sorg, L. C. Schmidt, F. A. Firestone, C. E. Kachel, C. M. Cook, David Wacker and C. H. Ewald.

From the United Brethren Church:

A. R. Clippinger, Ira D. Warner, V. O. Weidler, F. L. Dennis, J. B. Showers, H. H. Fout, G. D. Batdorf, S. C. Enck, J. H. Ness, U. P. Hovermale, D. T. Gregory, E. J. Haldeman, C. O. Main, R. L. Cortner, L. L. Huffman, C. V. Priddle, W. L. Perkins, V. G. Hunt, Paul B. Porter and J. G. Howard.

Dr. I. L. Schweitzer, co-secretary, read a letter from Dr. E. E. Rall regretting his absence from the meeting of the Joint Commission. Bishop Clippinger reported on the enforced absence of Dr. W. G. Clippinger due to ill health.

On motion it was voted that the secretary convey to Dr. E. E. Rall a message of best wishes and of appreciation for his services on the Joint Commission.

On motion it was voted that all commissioners absent from the Joint Meeting be granted excuse for such absence.

On motion it was voted that the agenda as prepared and distributed be the official agenda of the meeting. See Paper 1.

New members of the Evangelical Commission were introduced, namely, Rev. C. A. Bender and Rev. C. E. Kachel.

Statements concerning the expense accounts of commissioners to this meeting were made by Dr. A. F. Weaver and Dr. D. T. Gregory.

On motion it was voted that the hours for the meetings of the Joint Commission be set as follows: Friday afternoon adjournment 5 p. m.; Friday evening reconvening, 7 p. m.; Saturday a. m. reconvening at 9 a. m. with adjournment at 12 noon.

Bishop C. H. Stauffacher, Rev. J. G. Heidinger and Rev. C. A. Bender asked for permission to be excused from the Joint Meeting following the Friday evening session.

On motion it was voted that the aforementioned commissioners be excused.

Bishop G. E. Epp as secretary of the Joint Board of Bishops reported on the vote of church union in the two denominations. See Paper 2.

On motion it was voted that the report of the vote on church union as recorded in the two denominations be adopted.

On motion it was voted that Attorney Walter L. Wenger, of Chicago, Illinois, legal counsel of the Evangelical Commission on Church Federation and Union, being present in the Joint Meeting, be accorded an advisory seat.

On motion it was voted that Mr. Roy H. Stetler, Publisher of the Evangelical Church, being present in the Joint Meeting, be accorded an advisory seat.

Co-secretary I. L. Schweitzer read the minutes of the meetings of the Central Committee for November 16, 1943 and July 20, 1945. Co-secretary J. Gordon Howard read the minutes of the Central Committee for August 2, 1946.

On motion it was voted that the aforementioned minutes as read be approved.

Bishop G. E. Epp read references from the Joint Board of Bishops for July 19, 1945. (See Paper 3)

On motion it was voted that three resolutions on Episcopal areas and area of support for homes, orphanages, educational and other institutions, page 6, item 20, of the foregoing report from the Joint Board of Bishops, July 19, 1945, be approved and referred to the first General Conference of The Evangelical United Brethren Church.

Bishop G. E. Epp read references from the meeting of the Joint Board of Bishops on February 7, 1946 (see Paper 4) and from the meeting on August 1, 1946. (See Paper 5)

Co-secretary I. L. Schweitzer reported concerning the recommendations and references from the Joint Commission to the General Conference of the Evangelical United Brethren Church as set forth in the minutes of the Joint Commission and other documents. He called attention to references to the General Conference found in the last two paragraphs on page 26 and on page 344 of the Discipline of The Evangelical United Brethren Church.

Bishop G. E. Epp, secretary of the Committee on Legal Affairs, presented the Enabling Acts to be adopted by the respective General Conferences of the Evangelical Church and the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, prior to the uniting General Conference. (See Papers 6 and 7)

On motion it was voted that the aforementioned two Enabling Acts for adoption by the respective General Conferences prior to the uniting General Conference be adopted and referred to the respective General Conferences.

On motion it was voted that all enabling acts presented to the Joint Commission, and adopted and approved, be referred for examination to the legal counsel of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ for such revision as may be necessary to meet all legal requirements.

Bishop G. E. Epp presented the "resolution regarding continuance of existing corporations and amendment of their charters and constitutions." (See Paper 8) This resolution to be used by the General Conference of each denomination to instruct its existing corporations, unincorporated boards, societies, associations, and other administrative agencies, to amend their respective articles of incorporation, constitutions and by-laws as per the plan and basis of union, pages 19-23, section 8, to enable the existing agencies of the two denominations to continue their existence in the following general boards of the united Church, namely, the Board of Publication, the Board of Missions, the Board of Pensions, the Board of Christian Education, the Sunday School and Tract Union and the General Council of Administration.

On motion it was voted that the aforementioned document be approved and referred to the General Conference of The Evangelical United Brethren Church.

Bishop G. E. Epp presented the Declaration of Union to be announced at the appropriate time in the first General Conference of The Evangelical United Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pennsylvania, beginning November 16, 1946. (See Paper 9)

On motion it was voted that the aforementioned document be approved and referred to the General Conference of The Evangelical United Brethren Church.

Bishop G. E. Epp presented the Enabling Act for Union or Changes in Boundaries of Annual Conferences. After discussion the aforementioned document was referred to the Legal Affairs Committee for revision. (See Paper 15 for the revised copy)

Bishop G. E. Epp presented the Enabling Act of the Youth Fellowship. (See Paper 11)

Dr. R. H. Mueller, a commissioner, and General Secretary of Christian Education of the Evangelical Church, was asked to comment on the aforementioned document.

On motion it was voted that the aforementioned document be approved and referred to the General Conference of The Evangelical United Brethren Church.

The hour for adjournment having arrived, the Chairman declared the Joint Commission adjourned at 5 p. m. to reconvene at 7 p. m.

Evening Session, August 2, 1946

The Joint Commission was called to order at 7 p. m. with Bishop A. R. Clippinger in the chair. Dr. E. G. Frye was called upon to offer the opening prayer.

Consideration was given to the matter of broadcasting by radio the opening session of the uniting General Conference and of making an electrical transcription of the opening session. Action on the matter of broadcasting and transcriptions was by agreement deferred until the Saturday morning session. It was suggested that consideration be given also to newspaper and periodical publicity regarding the uniting General Conference.

By common agreement consideration of item 12 of the agenda, namely, Proportionate and Equitable Representation in General Offices, was postponed until later in the session.

Dr. D. T. Gregory presented the report on Missions and Benevolence Budget, and on the quadrennial theme or slogan, and copies of the report were distributed to the commissioners. (See Paper 12) Doctor Gregory called attention to major items in the report.

On motion it was voted that the aforementioned report be approved and referred to the General Conference.

An amendment was presented and adopted that item 10 on page 1 of the aforementioned report be changed to read: "Provisions for assisting our ministerial students by means of scholarship endowment funds."

An amendment was presented and adopted that the aforementioned report include reference to the unfinished campaigns for colleges and seminaries now going on in the Evangelical Church, as well as the proposed campaign by Bonebrake Theological Seminary, said amendment to be inserted as a preamble under the heading "Missionary Campaign" on page 7 of the report.

On motion it was voted that the aforementioned report as amended be adopted and referred to the General Conference of The Evangelical United Brethren Church.

*The report of the Committee on Nomenclature of Periodicals was presented as follows:

For the general church weekly—CHRISTIAN MESSENGER

For the young people's weekly—BUILDERS

For the various Sunday School publications—

BIBLE TEACHER of The Evangelical United Brethren Church

HOME DEPARTMENT BIBLE STUDIES

of The Evangelical United Brethren Church

ADULT BIBLE STUDIES

of The Evangelical United Brethren Church

SENIOR-YOUNG PEOPLE'S BIBLE STUDIES

of The Evangelical United Brethren Church

UNIFORM INTERMEDIATE BIBLE STUDIES

of the Evangelical United Brethren Church

UNIFORM JUNIOR BIBLE STUDIES
 of The Evangelical United Brethren Church
 UNIFORM PRIMARY BIBLE STORIES
 of The Evangelical United Brethren Church
 GRADED INTERMEDIATE BIBLE STUDIES
 of The Evangelical United Brethren Church
 GRADED JUNIOR BIBLE STUDIES
 of The Evangelical United Brethren Church
 GRADED PRIMARY BIBLE STORIES
 of The Evangelical United Brethren Church
 BEGINNERS BIBLE STORIES
 of The Evangelical United Brethren Church
 CHILDREN'S WORKER
 of The Evangelical United Brethren Church
 CHILDREN'S STORIES
 BOYS AND GIRLS
 FRIENDS
 THE CHRISTIAN HOME
 TODAY'S BIBLE STUDY (Lesson Leaf)

*See report of Commission on Church Federation and Union, as adopted by the General Conference, for changes in proposed names for periodicals and literature.

On motion it was voted that the foregoing report be accepted with the exception of the two titles first named on the list, namely, the title for the general church weekly and the young people's weekly, the matter of the names of these two publications to be referred to the Committee on Nomenclature for further consideration.

The report from the Committee of Ten on Publishing Interests was read by Dr. J. H. Ness. (See Paper 13)

On motion it was voted that the foregoing report be adopted and referred to the General Conference of The Evangelical United Brethren Church.

Dr. R. H. Mueller read a recommendation from the Evangelical Board of Christian Education pertaining to the relationship of the Board of Christian Education and the Board of Publication in the united Church with reference to the matter of Sunday School literature. (See Paper 14)

On motion it was voted that the aforementioned recommendation, together with the selection of a version of the Scriptures to be used in the Sunday School literature of the united Church, be referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests.

On motion it was voted that in order that the interests of Christian Education, and Women's Missionary Service and Evangelism of both churches may be most fully represented, we recommend that the first quadrennium there shall be elected by the General Conference of The Evangelical United Brethren Church an associate secretary of Christian Education and of the Commission of Evangelism and of the Women's Society of World Service of the Board of Missions and that legal counsel be requested to prepare enabling acts covering these items.

An announcement was made calling a meeting of the United Brethren commissioners immediately following adjournment.

On motion it was voted that the Joint Commission adjourn to reconvene at 9 a. m., Saturday morning, August 3, 1946.

The Chairman declared the Joint Commission adjourned.

Saturday Morning, August 3

The Joint Commission was called to order at 9 a. m. by Bishop J. S. Stamm. He read from the 4th chapter of Acts, and commented on the unique marks of the Christian. He emphasized that a Christian is one of whom something distinctive has been added, to whom something has happened, who recognizes the authority of God, and in whom and through whom there is boldness, confidence and courage by the consciousness and experience of

the Divine Spirit in his life. Dr. A. M. Bahn and Dr. F. A. Firestone were called upon to lead the commissioners in a period of fervent prayer. All present joined in singing one verse of the hymn "Breathe on Me Breath of God."

The secretary read the minutes of the previous day's sessions. Some corrections were made and upon motion it was voted that the minutes be approved as corrected.

On motion it was voted that the Joint Commission express thanks to Bishop G. E. Epp who was in charge of arrangements for the comfortable quarters and the adequate facilities for the meeting of the Joint Commission in the Bismarck Hotel.

On motion it was voted that arrangements be made for a recording or electrical transcription of the opening service of the General Conference on Saturday morning, November 16, 1946.

On motion it was voted that we look with approval upon a radio broadcast for all or some part of the opening service of the uniting General Conference if it can be reasonably arranged, the matter to be left to the Joint Board of Bishops, with power to act, and any expenses incurred by such broadcasts be shared by the denominations.

Bishop Stamm made a statement covering items 17 and 18 of the agenda, namely, New Boards and Agencies, and Unification of Program of Boards and Agencies. He reported on the proposed program of the uniting General Conference, item 19 of the Agenda. The call for the General Conference is in process of preparation, item 20 of the agenda.

Consideration was given to the Publicity Program, item 22 of the agenda.

On motion it was voted that a committee of two on publicity for the General Conference be appointed, one representative from each denomination. Dr. Raymond M. Veh was appointed to represent the Evangelical Church, and Dr. Wade S. Miller to represent the United Brethren.

On motion it was voted that the matter of securing pictures of certain features of the General Conference be referred to the Publicity Committee, and that the Publicity Committee present their plans concerning this matter to the General Conference Committee on Local Arrangements, namely, Dr. D. T. Gregory, Dr. A. F. Weaver, Mr. Edwin Heina and Dr. L. L. Huffman.

Concerning item 24 of the agenda it is understood each Commission on Church Federation and Union will present its minutes at its own General Conference for approval.

Bishop Epp presented the Enabling Act fixing the date for the beginning of the first quadrennium of the united Church.

On motion it was voted that the foregoing Enabling Act be received and referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs for further study and formulation and reference to the General Conference. (See Paper 17 for revised document)

Dr. R. H. Mueller brought two recommendations from the Evangelical Board of Christian Education regarding (1) the costs of moving the general offices of the united Church, and (2) the provision of housing for general officers of the united Church.

On motion it was voted that the aforementioned recommendations be received and referred to the uniting General Conference.

Bishop Epp presented the revision of the Enabling Act for Union or Changes in Boundaries of Annual Conferences. (See Paper 15)

On motion it was voted that the aforementioned Enabling Act as revised be approved and referred to the uniting General Conference.

The secretary read the action of the Central Committee with reference to the report of the Committee on Legal Affairs concerning the denominational headquarters. (See Paper 18)

On motion it was voted that the Joint Commission approve the action of the Central Committee with reference to the location of the denominational headquarters as follows:

1. United Brethren Building, Dayton, Ohio, the following boards and agencies: The Publisher, Board of Missions, Board of Christian Education, Board of Pensions, Sunday School and Tract Union, Commission on

Evangelism, and Board of Bishops Office, the General Council of Administration, and the Historical Society.

2. Otterbein Press Building, Dayton, Ohio, the following: Otterbein Press Corporation, Office of Sunday School editors.

3. Evangelical Press, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, the following boards and agencies: Evangelical Press Corporation, the Publisher, editorial offices of the general church paper and the young people's paper, with the understanding there may be depositories for historical material at other places to be named, offices of the East Area and of the Eastern Area.

On motion it was voted that the report of the committee pertaining to denominational headquarters as amended be adopted and referred to the uniting General Conference.

On motion it was voted that the matter of headquarters for general boards at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, be given further study and serious consideration by the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Bishop Epp presented a report of the Committee on Legal Affairs, which report had been referred to the Joint Commission by the Central Committee, regarding Proportionate and Equitable Representation in General Offices, as per the Discipline of The Evangelical United Brethren Church, page 31, section 15. (See page 6 of Report of Committee on Legal Affairs.)

On motion it was voted that the foregoing report be adopted and referred to the uniting General Conference.

An amendment was offered and voted as follows: That the Executive Secretary of the Board of Christian Education come from the Evangelical Church and the Executive Secretary of the Department of Evangelism come from the United Brethren Church.

On motion it was voted that the foregoing report as amended be adopted and referred to the uniting General Conference, as follows:

Plan of Proportionate Representation	<i>United Brethren</i>	<i>Evangelical</i>
Bishops	5	4
Publishers	1	1
Editors		
Church Weekly:		
Editor		1
Associate Editor	1	
Young People's Weekly		1
Sunday School Literature:		
Editor	1	
Associate Editor		1
Assistant Editors (elected by Board)	1	1
Executive Secretary Board of Pensions		1
Associate Secretary Board of Pensions	1	
Executive Secretary Council of Administration ..	1	
Associate Secretary Council of Administration ...		1
Board of Missions		
Department World Missions:		
Executive Secretary		1
Associate Secretary	1	
Department of Church Extension:		
Executive Secretary	1	
Associate Secretary		1
Treasurer of Board of Missions	1	
Department of Women's Society World Service:		
Executive Secretary	1	
Board of Christian Education:		
Executive Secretary		1
Associate Secretary	1	
Commission on Evangelism:		
Executive Secretary	1	
Associate Secretary		1
Total	17	15

The hour for adjournment having arrived, by common consent the meeting continued in session until its business be completed.

On motion it was voted that the Joint Commission look with favor upon an arrangement in the Board of Pensions whereby an assistant treasurer, field agent or office of that kind be created so there will be three full-time officers in the service of the Board of Pensions, and that the matter be referred to the Board of Pensions and the uniting General Conference for consideration and action.

The formulas for the new church were received from the Editorial Committee, namely, Bishop E. W. Praetorius and J. Gordon Howard, and by common agreement the formulas were referred to the uniting General Conference, with the suggestion that the name "President" appearing on certain formulas be changed to "Bishop."

On motion it was voted that to the uniting General Conference be referred two new United Brethren rituals "Retirement of an Elder," and "The Dedication of Infants without Baptism," and also a new ritual for mortgage burning ceremony.

On motion it was voted that the Committee on Legal Affairs be continued.

Consideration was given to the matter of titles for the general church weekly and the young people's weekly papers.

On motion it was voted that the matter of titles for the two weekly church papers be referred to the Committee on Nomenclature, said committee to report to the Joint Commission at Johnstown, Pennsylvania in November, 1946.

On motion it was voted that the co-chairman of the Joint Commission be empowered to call a meeting of the Joint Commission at Johnstown, Pennsylvania, at the time of the uniting General Conference, or at some time earlier if needed.

Bishop Epp suggested that the formulas for the united Church be included in the Appendix of the Discipline of The Evangelical United Brethren Church.

The Joint Commission received from a sub-committee of the Central Committee, the suggested Rules of Order for the General Conference of The Evangelical United Brethren Church. (See Paper 16)

On motion it was voted that the aforementioned suggested Rules of Order for the General Conference be referred to the General Conference.

On motion it was voted that the co-secretaries gather from all minutes the actions to go directly to the uniting General Conference and have them printed for distribution to the delegates of the uniting General Conference.

On motion it was voted that the Joint Commission adjourn.

The closing moments were given to prayer for the uniting General Conference and the united Church.

The Chairman declared the Joint Commission adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

I. L. SCHWEITZER,
J. GORDON HOWARD.

Paper No. 2

THE VOTE ON CHURCH UNION

A. In the Church of the United Brethren in Christ

1. The thirty-fourth General Conference at Westerville, Ohio, on May 15, 1946, voted on the question of union with the Evangelical Church according to the provisions of the Plan and Basis of Union, casting 224 yea votes and 2 nay votes; total votes cast 226.

2. The vote of the Annual Conferences of the Church of the United Brethren, in their 1945 sessions on the same question, was 2,291 yea votes and 134 nay votes, totaling 2,425 votes.

3. The vote on the same question of church union by the membership of the local churches of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, taken in January, 1946, resulted in 80,777 yea votes and 13,033 nay votes; totaling 93,810 votes.

B. In the Evangelical Church

1. The thirty-third session of the General Conference of the Evangelical Church, at Naperville, Illinois, on October 13, 1942 voted on the question of union with the Church of the United Brethren in Christ according to the provisions of the Plan and Basis of Union, casting 226 yea votes and 6 nay votes, totaling 232 votes.

2. The vote on the same question in the Annual Conferences of the Evangelical Church in North America, taken at their 1945 or 1946 Annual Sessions resulted in 2,122 yea votes and 51 nay votes, totaling 2,173 votes.

C. All of the legal and constitutional requirements having been fully met, as provided in the Plan and Basis of Union, section 14, "Mode of Procedure to Effect Organic Union;"

the Boards of Bishops of the uniting churches having reported to their respective churches the result of the votes taken as above set forth, are now issuing a call for sessions of their respective General Conferences and for a subsequent Joint Session of such General Conferences, to convene at Johnstown, Pennsylvania, as follows:

1. The thirty-fourth session of the General Conference of the Evangelical Church in the Beulah Evangelical Church, Johnstown, Pennsylvania, November 11 at 1:30 p. m.

2. The General Conference of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ in special session of the thirty-fourth session of the General Conference in the First United Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pennsylvania, on November 13, 1946.

3. The Joint session of these two General Conferences is to convene in the First United Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pennsylvania, on Saturday, November 16, 1946, at 9:00 a. m., at which time upon the declaration of the Union, the members of the two General Conferences shall constitute the membership of the first General Conference of The Evangelical United Brethren Church, which shall proceed in accordance with the Discipline of The Evangelical United Brethren Church.

Paper No. 6

ENABLING ACT FOR ADOPTION BY THE RESPECTIVE GENERAL CONFERENCES PRIOR TO THE UNITING CONFERENCE

For the United Brethren General Conference

WHEREAS, The Church of the United Brethren in Christ and the Evangelical Church are about to enter into an organic union of said two denominational bodies, the new Church created by such union to be known as The Evangelical United Brethren Church; and,

WHEREAS, Said two denominational bodies aforesaid, by reason of said union, will in due course unite and combine in one Church all and singular their respective spiritual and material interests, rights and property of every kind and nature, and wheresoever situated; and

WHEREAS, The union of said two denominational bodies aforesaid will require the ultimate union and consolidation of certain of their respective boards, institutions and agencies by and through which they have functioned and carried on their work respectively; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Members of the General Conference of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, regularly called and now in session, at the City of Johnstown, in the State of Pennsylvania, on this day of November, 1946, that all the boards, institutions and agencies of this Church, for the uniting of which provision has been made in the Plan and Basis of Union of The Evangelical United Brethren Church, be and the same are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to join with the similar boards, institutions and agencies of the Evangelical Church, in affecting and consummating the consolidation and union of each and all of their respective rights, interests and property and every kind and nature, and wheresoever situated, in the new boards, institutions and agencies which may be authorized to be created by and under the authority of said The Evangelical United Brethren Church for carrying on work of the same or similar nature. Be it further

RESOLVED, That as soon as circumstances permit, after said new boards, institutions and agencies of The Evangelical United Brethren Church have been created, and organized and are ready to function, each and all of the present boards, institutions and agencies of The Evangelical Church, for the uniting of which provision has been made in the Plan and Basis of Union, simultaneously with like or similar boards, institutions and agencies of The Church of the United Brethren in Christ, shall be and are empowered and directed to take the necessary steps and action in due and legal manner to convey, transfer, assign and deliver to the said respective boards, institutions and agencies, created and organized under and by authority of the General Conference of The Evangelical United Brethren Church, all and singular their property and assets of every kind and nature, both real and personal, their good will and business, except only such property, assets and trust funds as cannot be legally transferred without violating the terms and conditions of the trust instruments by which they were received and acquired, such conveyances, transfers and assignments to be made subject to all liabilities, contracts and obligations outstanding against said present boards, institutions and agencies aforesaid, which liabilities, contracts, obligations, shall be assumed by said new boards, institutions and agencies of The Evangelical United Brethren Church. Be it further

RESOLVED, That after the union of said two churches has been officially declared and proclaimed as an established fact in accordance with the Plan and Basis of Union, the present boards, institutions and agencies of the Evangelical Church aforesaid shall be and are hereby empowered and directed to amend their articles of incorporation, constitutions and by-laws, and make all necessary changes in their officers, size of boards and committees to bring them into full harmony with said Plan and Basis of Union and the Discipline of said The Evangelical United Brethren Church.

Paper No. 7

ENABLING ACT FOR ADOPTION BY THE RESPECTIVE GENERAL CONFERENCES PRIOR TO THE UNITING CONFERENCE

For the Evangelical General Conference

WHEREAS, The Church of the United Brethren in Christ and the Evangelical Church are about to enter into an organic union of said two denominational bodies, the new Church created by such union to be known as The Evangelical United Brethren Church; and

WHEREAS, Said two denominational bodies aforesaid, by reason of said union, will in due course unite and combine in one Church all and singular their respective spiritual and material interests, rights and property of every kind and nature, and wheresoever situated; and

WHEREAS, The union of said two denominational bodies aforesaid will require the ultimate union and consolidation of certain of their respective boards, institutions and agencies by and through which they have functioned and carried on their work respectively; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Members of the General Conference of the Evangelical Church, regularly called and now in session, at the City of Johnstown, in the State of Pennsylvania, on this day of November, 1946, that all the boards, institutions and agencies of this Church, for the uniting of which provision has been made in the Plan and Basis of Union of The Evangelical United Brethren Church, be and the same are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to join with the similar boards, institutions and agencies of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, in effecting and consummating the consolidation and union of each and all of their respective rights, interests and property of every kind and nature, and wheresoever situated, in the new boards, institutions and agencies which may be authorized to be created by and under the authority of said The Evangelical United Brethren Church for carrying on work of the same or similar nature. Be it further.

RESOLVED, That as soon as circumstances permit, after said new boards, institutions and agencies of The Evangelical United Brethren Church have been created, and organized and are ready to function, each and all of the

present boards, institutions and agencies of the Evangelical Church, for the uniting of which provision has been made in the Plan and Basis of Union, simultaneously with like or similar boards, institutions and agencies of the Evangelical Church, shall be and are empowered and directed to take the necessary steps and action in due and legal manner to convey, transfer, assign and deliver to the said respective new boards, institutions and agencies created and organized under and by authority of the General Conference of The Evangelical United Brethren Church, all and singular their property and assets of every kind and nature, both real and personal, their good will and business, except only such property, assets and trust funds as cannot be legally transferred without violating the terms and conditions of the trust instruments by which they were received and acquired, such conveyances, transfers and assignments to be made subject to all liabilities, contracts and obligations outstanding against said present boards, institutions and agencies aforesaid, which liabilities, contracts, obligations, shall be assumed by said new boards, institutions and agencies of The Evangelical United Brethren Church. Be it further

RESOLVED, That after the union of said two churches has been officially declared and proclaimed as an established fact in accordance with the Plan and Basis of Union, the present boards, institutions and agencies of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ aforesaid shall be and are hereby empowered and directed to amend their articles of incorporation, constitutions and by-laws, and make all necessary changes in their officers, size of boards and committees to bring them into full harmony with said Plan and Basis of Union and the Discipline of said The Evangelical United Brethren Church.

Paper No. 8

RESOLUTION RE CONTINUANCE OF EXISTING CORPORATIONS AND AMENDMENT OF THEIR CHARTERS AND CONSTITUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, That all existing corporations, including General Conference, Annual Conference, and Local Church corporations, incorporated Boards, Associations, or other agencies of the two uniting Churches, owning, holding or controlling any property of said uniting Churches, or exercising any powers vested in them by said uniting Churches, or either of them, prior to union, shall, in accordance with the provisions of the Plan and Basis of Union, continue to operate under their existing charters, articles of incorporation, constitutions, or other documents under which they have operated prior to the union of the two uniting Churches, until all property of every kind and description, owned, held and controlled by them, or either of them, or trust funds administered by them under specific trust instruments, shall have been transferred to their respective successor corporations, boards of trustees, associations, or other incorporated agencies created and organized for the same or similar purposes by authority of the General Conference of The Evangelical United Brethren Church. Be it further

RESOLVED, That pursuant to Paragraph 8A, Section V of the Plan and Basis of Union, such corporations be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to make such amendments to their charters, articles of incorporation and constitutions pursuant to the laws of the respective States under which they have been incorporated, in order to adapt the same to and comply with the provisions of the Plan and Basis of Union and the Discipline of The Evangelical United Brethren Church.

The Declaration of Union

(Presented at the first session of the First General Conference of The Evangelical United Brethren Church at Johnstown, Pennsylvania, on the sixteenth day of November, 1946)

WHEREAS, The Church of the United Brethren in Christ and the Evangelical Church, by their respective General Conferences, did heretofore appoint Commissions on Church Federation and Union; and

WHEREAS, these Commissions at a joint meeting held in the City of Cleveland, in the State of Ohio, U.S.A., on the 20th day of February, 1942, by joint action, did agree upon, approve and adopt a Plan and Basis of Union, and a Discipline, for the organic union of these two Churches, and thereafter presented said Plan and Basis of Union and proposed Discipline for The Evangelical United Brethren Church, to their respective denominational bodies; and

WHEREAS, The Church of the United Brethren in Christ and the Evangelical Church, each acting in its own behalf and in accordance with the Plan and Basis of Union, did approve and adopt the proposed Plan and Basis of Union and the Discipline for The Evangelical United Brethren Church in accordance with the provisions, rules, regulations and usages of their respective Constitutions and Disciplines; and

WHEREAS, the Boards of Bishops of the two uniting Churches, pursuant to the provisions of the Plan and Basis of Union, did issue a call for Sessions of their respective General Conferences, and for a subsequent Joint Session of such General Conferences, in which Joint Session the members of the two General Conferences constitute the membership of the First General Conference of The Evangelical United Brethren Church; and

WHEREAS, the separate Sessions of the respective General Conferences of said Churches have been held and the Joint General Conference thus authorized and constituted according to the Plan and Basis of Union, is now in session in the City of Johnstown, State of Pennsylvania, on this sixteenth day of November, 1946;

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Bishops of these uniting Churches, do hereby solemnly publish and declare in the Presence of God, and before all men, the following statement of facts:

I

That the Church of the United Brethren in Christ and the Evangelical Church are now and shall be one Church, known as The Evangelical United Brethren Church.

II

That the Plan and Basis of Union and the Discipline as adopted are and shall be the constitution and basic law of The Evangelical United Brethren Church.

III

That The Evangelical United Brethren Church, as thus constituted, is, and shall be, the ecclesiastical and legal successor of the two uniting Churches in accordance with the provisions of the Plan and Basis of Union and the Discipline now in full force and effect.

IV

That by the adoption of the name, The Evangelical United Brethren Church, for this united Church, no right, interest or title in and to the respective names by which the two uniting Churches have been identified and known through many years, has been nor is surrendered, but all such rights are specifically reserved against the claims of all persons, associations and organizations whatsoever.

In humble acknowledgment of Divine Guidance, we do hereby solemnly and reverently invoke upon The Evangelical United Brethren Church, thus established, the blessing of Almighty God. Amen.

Active Bishops of the Uniting Churches

John S. Stamm
George Edward Epp
E. W. Praetorius
C. H. Stauffacher
A. R. Clippinger
I. D. Warner
V. O. Weidler
Fred L. Dennis
J. Balmer Showers

Bishops Emeritus: H. H. Fout, G. D. Batdorf

General Conference Action

Thereafter the General Conference unanimously adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the organic union of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ and the Evangelical Church has now been consummated in the establishment of The Evangelical United Brethren Church on this sixteenth day of November, 1946, in the city of Johnstown, Pennsylvania, as declared and published by the Bishops of the uniting churches, now therefore,

RESOLVED:

(1) That we, the members of the First General Conference of The Evangelical United Brethren Church, herewith give expression to our great joy and deep gratitude that under the providence of God we come to participate in this high hour of consummation in which The Evangelical United Brethren Church has become the ecclesiastical and legal successor to the uniting churches.

(2) That we acknowledge with sincere thanks the earnest labors of the Commission on Church Federation and Union and of all who have through the years helped to make possible this union.

(3) That we hereby solemnly pledge our full and unreserved allegiance and loyalty to The Evangelical United Brethren Church and fervently pray God's richest blessing to abide upon our Church.

(4) That we will continue to invoke the benediction of Almighty God abundantly to rest upon this General Conference, the annual conferences, the missions, the local congregations, and upon the General Boards, Agencies and Institutions of this Church, in this and every land in which the Lord has called us to labor to the end that The Evangelical United Brethren Church may give its full measure of devotion to the bringing of the Kingdom of our Lord God and His Christ in all the earth.

Paper No. 11

ENABLING ACT OF YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

WHEREAS, The Basis of Union and the Book of Discipline of The Evangelical United Brethren Church, provides for Christian Endeavor Leagues with Conference and General Young People's Unions, bringing into one pattern of organization those young people's societies obtaining in the uniting denominations in 1940, and

WHEREAS, The General Conference of the Evangelical Church in 1942 authorized its General Board of Christian Education and its Board of Missions to work out a unified plan of organization and program for youth work and to operate under such a mutually agreeable plan during the ensuing quadrennium, approving the appointment of a Joint Committee of Fourteen, with seven representatives from each Board to work out the agreements and plans and empowering it to proceed, and under this authorization the Evangelical Church has since been operating in its youth work under a Fellowship plan, and

WHEREAS, The General Conference of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ in 1945, looking toward church union appointed a Committee of

Fifteen to study the matter of unifying the Church's Christian education program for childhood, youth and adulthood, with a view to further correlating or integrating the work in the united Church, and

WHEREAS, The Committee of Fourteen of the Evangelical Church and the Committee of Fifteen of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ representing their Boards related thereto, have had joint meetings, and have developed a mutually agreeable and satisfactory plan of youth organization and program for the new denomination and have set it forth in a series of documents which have been submitted to and approved by their Committees of Fourteen and of Fifteen respectively, and

WHEREAS, This first General Conference of The Evangelical United Brethren Church is being memorialized to authorize the creation of the Youth Fellowship of The Evangelical United Brethren Church; therefore, be it

RESOLVED:

1. That such authorization be, and hereby is granted in harmony with the Constitutional provisions set forth in the attached documents. (See Exhibit A):

- 1.1 Regulations for the Inter-Board Educational Program Committee.
- 1.2 Constitution for the General Youth Fellowship of The Evangelical United Brethren Church.
- 1.3 Constitution for the Youth Fellowship of the Annual Conferences of The Evangelical United Brethren Church.
- 1.4 Preamble and Constitutions for the Youth Fellowship of the local churches of The Evangelical United Brethren Church according to alternative plans for a Unified organization and for a Correlated organization.

2. That an Inter-Board Educational Program Committee be and hereby is created and empowered under the Regulations submitted.

3. That these Constitutions for General, Annual Conference and Local Church Youth Fellowships be, and hereby are, approved and declared in force.

4. That the provisions of the Discipline of The Evangelical United Brethren Church and the Plan and Basis of Union are in no wise altered by this action. When local churches proceed under the provisions of the Discipline with respect to Christian Endeavor Leagues or Societies and young people's missionary organizations, they do so under the Constitution for the Correlated Plan for the Youth Fellowship, herein provided.

5. That it is understood that the Youth Fellowship Plan hereby authorized is the youth program that shall be promoted in The Evangelical United Brethren Church.

Paper No. 13

6. That the Board of Christian Education shall report to the next session of the General Conference of The Evangelical United Brethren Church regarding the operation of this Youth Fellowship Plan during the quadrennium.

NOTE: Part of page 48, page 49, and part of page 50 of the "Official White Book" was adopted by the General Conference when presented instead of being passed to a committee as reference material. See "The Committee of Ten on Publishing Interests" as found in the report of the Commission on Church Federation and Union.—Editors.

Paper No. 14

REFERENCE TO COMMITTEE ON PUBLISHING INTERESTS

From Board of Christian Education of the Evangelical Church. Voted: that we request the Joint Commissions on Church Federation and Union to give special attention to the matters of Sunday School and other lesson outlines and courses and that it be urged to appoint a joint committee of representatives from the Boards of Christian Education and from the Boards of Publication to make a study and bring recommendations to the United General Conference concerning curricula to be used in the new Church, and concerning the relationships of the new Board of Christian Education and the new Board of Publication in these curriculum matters.

COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AFFAIRS

Chicago, Illinois, August 1, 1946

Re—Denominational Headquarters

WHEREAS, The Plan and Basis of Union in section 16, page 34 of the Discipline, provides that the Headquarters of The Evangelical United Brethren Church shall be at Dayton, Ohio, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and Cleveland, Ohio.

WHEREAS, The Committee on Legal Affairs was charged with the responsibility of studying the matter of the official headquarters of the several Boards, Agencies and institutions of the Church, for recommendation to the General Conference to determine such headquarters and whereas the several Boards and Agencies of the uniting denominations have in joint councils made their recommendations therefore **RESOLVED**:

(1) That at the U. B. Building, Dayton, Ohio, the following Boards and Agencies shall be housed—

1. The Publisher.
2. The Board of Missions and its departments.
3. The Board of Christian Education.
4. The Board of Pensions.
5. The Sunday School and Tract Union.
6. The Board of Bishops office.
- (2) The Otterbein Press Building, Dayton, Ohio—
 1. The Otterbein Press Corporation Headquarters.
 2. The Sunday School Editorial Offices.
- (3) At Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, Evangelical Press Building.
 1. The Evangelical Press Headquarters.
 2. The Publisher.
 3. The Editorial offices.
 - a. The Editor of *Christian Messenger*. (The Telescope-Messenger)
 - b. The Editor of *Horizons*. (Builders)
 4. The Historical Society.
 5. Office of Bishops of the East Area (U. B.) Eastern Area (Ev).

GEORGE EDWARD EPP, *Secretary*.

**ACTIONS OF THE BOARDS OF BISHOPS IN JOINT SESSIONS IN
MATTERS PERTAINING TO CHURCH UNION**

The Board of Bishops of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ and the Board of Bishops of the Evangelical Church convened in Joint Sessions, November 13, 1943; October 20, 1944; July 19, 1945; February 7, 1946, from which records the following actions are lifted.

Episcopal Areas in the New Church

The Joint Board of Bishops shall give careful consideration to the division of the Church into Episcopal Areas. It is suggested:

(a) That Bishops remain in the areas they served in their former Church for the first quadrennium of the new Church.

(b) That there be some interchange by the Bishops at Conferences and other gatherings in the areas for the purpose of greater experience and wider knowledge of the church and its ministry.

(c) That the scheduling of all Annual Conferences be considered.

(d) That the possibility of changing from summer to spring or fall Conferences be considered.

(e) That elements relating to the most appropriate time for the holding of General Conferences be considered.

(f) Bishop C. H. Stauffacher and Bishop V. O. Weidler were appointed a Subcommittee to make a study of these matters and report back to the Bishops.

Areas of Homes and Orphanages

Bishop C. H. Stauffacher and Bishop V. O. Weidler were requested to make a study with respect to the areas of Conferences to be assigned to the respective Homes and Orphanages in the new Church.

The Bishops' Tour

The committee composed of Bishops A. R. Clippinger, chairman, C. H. Stauffacher, Fred L. Dennis, and G. E. Epp, secretary, reported:

(a) Concerning previous plans to tour the country in the interest of Church union, from October 15 to November 30, 1945 (see Minutes of October 20, 1944, for details);

(b) That this proposed tour was postponed due to governmental travel restrictions (War Committee on Conventions of the O. D. T. rulings);

(c) That because of the postponement of the tour, by agreement of the Bishops of both Churches, the committee had not further developed its plans.

IT WAS VOTED that it is our judgment that a tour such as was outlined is very desirable after church union has been effected, and therefore we refer for favorable consideration the entire plan for such Bishops' Tour, to the Bishops of The Evangelical United Brethren Church.

Women in the Ministry

The question as to whether there was record of any action regarding the status of women in and for the ministry in The Evangelical United Brethren Church was discussed at length.

It was pointed out (a) we have committed ourselves to the position that Church union as such will not change nor take away the ministerial status of any man or woman in such ministry at the time of union, and (b) that at the Indianapolis meeting of the Joint Commissions on Church Union it was voted:

"Another recommendation, to the effect that in the new Church there be no ordination as ministers granted to women, was likewise adopted."
(Indianapolis, November 11, 1939.)

Youth Fellowship

In view of the fact (a) that the Evangelical Church has organized the Evangelical Youth Fellowship for all youth, ages 12-24, and (b) in view of the fact that the General Conference of the United Brethren (May, 1945) provided for a Committee of Fifteen to give careful study to the question of the creation of a Youth Fellowship;

VOTED to request the Committee on Legal Affairs to draft a general enabling act for the creation of a Youth Fellowship to be submitted to the United General Conference.

Committee on Episcopal Areas, Area of Support for Homes, Orphanages, Educational and Other Institutions

The committee consisting of Bishops C. H. Stauffacher and V. O. Weidler reported on the items which had been referred to them, which items were adopted as follows:

RESOLVED, (1) That for the first quadrennium of The Evangelical United Brethren Church, the episcopal areas shall remain as they were constituted in their respective former communions.

(2) That for the first quadrennium of The Evangelical United Brethren Church, all the Bishops re-elected be assigned to the episcopal areas over which they had supervision in their former communions.

(3) That for the first quadrennium of The Evangelical United Brethren Church the Annual Conferences assigned for support to the Colleges, Seminaries, Homes, Orphanages and other institutions by their former communions, shall be assigned to the same institutions.

THE JOINT BOARD OF BISHOPS,
GEORGE EDWARD EPP, *Secretary*.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE OF EIGHTEEN FOR THE
CO-ORDINATION OF THE FUNCTIONS OF THE MISSIONARY
AGENCIES OF THE CHURCH OF THE UNITED BRETHREN
IN CHRIST AND THE EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Dayton, Ohio, August 15, 16, 1946

The Joint Committee of Eighteen, composed of representatives of the general Missionary agencies of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ and the Evangelical Church, appointed to consider the co-ordination of the functions of these agencies when the Board of Missions of The Evangelical United Brethren Church has been established, met in the U. B. Building, Dayton, Ohio, on August 15, 1946. Bishop A. R. Clippinger convened the meeting at 9:00 a.m.

1. *Organization.* The Committee organized with Bishop A. R. Clippinger as Chairman, Bishop J. S. Stamm, Vice-Chairman, and C. Heinmiller as Secretary.

2. *Devotions.* Bishop A. R. Clippinger read from the Scriptures and Bishop C. H. Stauffacher offered prayer.

3. *Representation.* The following representatives of these Missionary agencies were present and officially seated:

- (a) For the Foreign Missionary Society of the United Brethren in Christ
A. R. Clippinger
Mrs. S. S. Hough
S. G. Ziegler
 - (b) For the Home Mission and Church Erection Society of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ
G. D. Batdorf (in place of F. L. Dennis)
L. L. Huffman
U. P. Hovermale
 - (c) For the Women's Missionary Association of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ
Mrs. J. B. Showers
Mrs. E. S. Kern
Miss Janet Gilbert
 - (d) For the Missionary Society in the Evangelical Church
G. E. Epp
E. Heina
C. Heinmiller
 - (e) For the Board of Church Extension of the Evangelical Church
J. S. Stamm
C. H. Stauffacher
N. L. Hummel
 - (f) For the Woman's Missionary Society of the Evangelical Church
Mrs. H. S. Frank
Mrs. N. F. Smith
Mrs. M. L. Shambaugh
- Mrs. J. S. Stamm and Miss Marion Baker were received as advisory members.

4. *Constitutional Structure.* The Constitution of the Board of Missions of The Evangelical United Brethren Church was reviewed and the following actions adopted:

(a) *Paragraph 16—Headquarters.* We recommend that the headquarters of the Board of Missions of The Evangelical United Brethren Church shall be established at Dayton, Ohio.

(b) *Paragraph 754—Incorporation.* We recommend that the following persons shall serve as the incorporators of the Board of Missions of The Evangelical United Brethren Church: A. R. Clippinger, John S. Stamm, G. E. Epp, V. O. Weidler, E. Heina, Mrs. J. B. Showers, M. B. Monn.

In order to safeguard the interests of the existing missionary organizations in future gifts and bequests intended for them, we recommend that all existing corporations representing the organizations to be merged into the

Board of Missions of The Evangelical United Brethren Church be continued.

(c) *Paragraph 756—Membership.* In view of the advisability of selecting members of the Board of Missions of The Evangelical United Brethren Church with a knowledge of the operations of the missionary agencies to be included, we recommend that the General Conference session of each denomination nominate four ministers and four laymen for membership on the Board of Missions to be elected by the General Conference of The Evangelical United Brethren Church; also that the editor of the general denominational periodical shall be the "representative of the church's editorial staff" on the Board of Missions.

(d) *Paragraphs 756 and 811—Executive Committee.* We request that the Board of Missions of The Evangelical United Brethren Church define the relation of the membership of the Three Departments of the Board to the membership of the Executive Committee of the Board, with the object of assigning members to the Executive Committee who shall represent the interests of these Departments in the interim of Executive Committee meetings.

(e) *Paragraph 756—WSWS Representatives.* We recommend that Paragraph 756 be revised to eliminate the words "the general staff members of the Women's Society of World Service, elected by the Women's Council (see Paragraph 853)."

(f) *Paragraph 776—Associate Secretary WSWS.* We recommend that paragraphs 776 and 777 be revised to provide for the election of an Associate Secretary of the Women's Society of World Service by the General Conference.

(g) *Paragraph 778—Honorary Members.* We recommend that the General Conference of The Evangelical United Brethren Church recognize and continue all existing honorary relationships of former officers of the present missionary organizations.

(h) *Paragraphs 792 and 798—Joint Responsibility.* With reference to the joint responsibility of the Executive Officers of the Department of World Missions and the Department of Church Extension "for such matters as pertain to the work of the Division of North American Missions" cited in Paragraphs 792 and 798, it is the judgment of this Committee that, as a guiding principle, this joint responsibility should be considered as applying to the establishment and operation of new missions.

(i) *Paragraphs 777, 783, 855—Board Treasurer.* WHEREAS, The Constitution of the Board of Missions in Paragraph 777 of the Discipline provides that one of the General Conference elected Secretaries, shall by the Board, be elected the Treasurer of the Board of Missions, and

WHEREAS, The functions of said Treasurer are defined in Paragraph 783 which provides that the funds of the Board of Missions, and specifically all of the accounts, as well as the funds of the Department of World Missions and of the Department of Church Extension are to be brought into the office of the Treasurer, and

WHEREAS, The Constitution of the Women's Society of World Service in Paragraph 855 of the Discipline, provides for the office of Treasurer of the Women's Society of World Service, who periodically will remit all the receipts of the Department of Women's Service to the Treasurer of the Board of Missions and

WHEREAS, The assignment of such financial responsibilities of the treasurer's office will lay upon one of the Secretaries of the Board, additional and exacting duties, therefore

RESOLVED:

(1) That we petition the General Conference of The Evangelical United Brethren Church, through the Joint Commission on Church Union, to amend the Constitution of the Board of Missions so as to provide for the election by General Conference of a full-time Treasurer other than one of the Secretaries;

(2) That such Treasurer become a member of the Board of Missions and of its Executive Committee;

(3) That the relationship of such Treasurer to the Secretaries of the Board and the Administrative officers of the several Departments of the Board of Missions be explicitly defined;

(4) That in view of the proposed creating of such office of a full-time Treasurer of the Board of Missions, we raise for consideration the question of the possibility and the advisability of making such Board Treasurer also the Treasurer for the Department of Women's Service.

(j) *WSWS Accounts.* The following resolution, presented by the representatives of the women's missionary organizations was adopted with appreciation for the spirit of cooperation expressed and those items requiring further consideration referred to the Board of Missions of The Evangelical United Brethren Church:

The Women members of the Committee of Eighteen on merger of missionary interests report that we want to cooperate with the plan for a General Treasurer and that we are willing to recognize him as the Treasurer of the Women's Society of World Service.

We do, however, see some difficulties to be faced and feel, (1) that there will be some accounting done in our office, and (2) that all money should come to the office of the Women's Society of World Service to be turned over periodically to the General Treasurer.

(k) *Enabling Act.* The Committee on Legal Affairs shall be requested to provide an Enabling Act to accomplish the various purposes of the foregoing actions through such revision of the Constitution of the Board of Missions as may be required.

(l) *Unification of Operations.* We recommend that the legal unification of the several organizations which will merge into the Board of Missions of The Evangelical United Brethren Church be effected as of January 1, 1947, with suitable audits of the financial accounts of these organizations as of December 31, 1946.

(m) *Special Board Sessions.* We recommend that a special session of the Board of Missions of The Evangelical United Brethren Church be convened in Dayton, Ohio, February 4-6, 1947 at 9:00 a. m. to consider the correlation of the functions and operations of the present organizations and to study the unification of the programs of these agencies.

(n) *Executive Committee Meeting.* We recommend that a session of the Executive Committee of the Board of Missions of The Evangelical United Brethren Church be convened in Dayton, Ohio, January 2-4, 1947 at 9:00 a. m. and that the officers of the Executive Committee be authorized to invite to this meeting for consultation such members of the former missionary organizations as may seem advisable.

(o) *Unified Financial Program.* A committee composed of Bishop A. R. Clippinger, Bishop G. E. Epp, E. Heina, C. Heinmiller, S. G. Ziegler, U. P. Hovermale, Miss Janet Gilbert, and Miss Marion Baker, was appointed:

(1) To organize the approved budget of the present missionary agencies into a single coordinated budget.

(2) To develop a program for the unification and promotion of the relief, reconstruction, and missionary advance campaigns of these agencies for recommendation to the uniting General Conference session of The Evangelical United Brethren Church, after approval by each organization.

(3) To consider the following items relating to the financial structure and operations of the Board of Missions of The Evangelical United Brethren Church for recommendation to the special meeting of the Board of Missions on February 4-6, 1947:

- a. The Treasurer and the new treasury
- b. Capital Funds
- c. Special Funds
- d. Properties
- e. Sources of Income
- f. Appropriations
- g. Budget Expenditures for Mission Units

- h. Previous Financial Commitments of Organizations
- i. Liabilities
- j. Non-transferable funds
- k. Audit of organization accounts at transfer
- l. Consolidation of accounts
- m. Women's Society contributions for Conference Missions

(p) *Staff Personnel.* Record was ordered made of the names of the present employed personnel of each of the organizations to be merged into the Board of Missions of The Evangelical United Brethren Church as follows:

The Foreign Missionary Society of the United Brethren in Christ
 Rev. C. B. Eschbach, Associate Secretary, one year
 Miss Emma Spahr, Office Secretary, 30 years
 Mrs. Marie Keller, Stenographer, part-time
 Miss Mary McKenzie, Field Worker, Temporary

The Home Mission and Church Erection Society of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ
 Dr. Stanley B. Williams, Associate Secretary, 11 years
 Mrs. Nelle M. Engle, Field Worker, 5 years
 Miss Pearl Wolford, Field Worker, 2 years
 Miss Luella Pottle, Office Secretary, 21 years
 Miss Anna Razor, Bookkeeper, 24 years

The Women's Missionary Association of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ
 Miss Mary McLanachan, Editor, 16 years
 Mrs. Leora Nagel, Secretary of Missionary Education, 1 year
 Miss Rachel Brant, one-half time Director of Children's Work, 6 years
 Miss Mary Schrock, Bookkeeper, 24 years
 Mrs. Marion Crist, Stenographer, 2 years
 Miss Mabel Wilson, *Evangel* Clerk, 6 years
 Mrs. Edna Kosterman, Assistant in Literature Dept., 2 years (part-time)
 Mrs. May Pottle, Assistant to *Evangel* Clerk, 2 years (part-time)

The Missionary Society of the Evangelical Church and
 The Board of Church Extension of the Evangelical Church
 Miss Beatrice Miller, Bookkeeper, 12 years
 Mrs. Marcella Bollman, Office Secretary, 6 years
 Mrs. Alice Morihiro, Office Secretary, 3 years

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Evangelical Church
 Miss Esther Clinton, Editor, 1 year
 Miss Ruth Lentz, Bookkeeper and Office Secretary, 6 years
 Rosemary Iwami, Stenographer, 2 years
 Mrs. Barbara Steele, Subscription Clerk, 6 months
 Miss Rosalie Wesley, Mailing Clerk, 1 year
 Mrs. M. Mintmeier, Assistant Subscription Clerk, 1 year

(q) *Office Space.* The following committee was empowered to negotiate for necessary office space for the Board of Missions in the U. B. Building, Dayton, Ohio: C. Heinmiller, S. G. Ziegler, U. P. Hovermale, Miss J. Gilbert, Miss M. Baker.

(r) *Moving and Housing.* It is the judgment of this Committee that the Board of Missions of The Evangelical United Brethren Church should make special provision to meet the abnormal housing situation confronting staff members of the Board of Missions who will be required to transfer their residence to Dayton, Ohio.

5. *Recess.* The Committee of Eighteen recessed at 9:00 p. m. to meet at 9:30 a. m. on August 16, 1946.

Friday, August 16, 1946

The Committee of Eighteen reconvened at 9:30 a. m. on August 16, 1946, with Bishop John S. Stamm in the Chair. The meeting opened with prayer.

6. *Unfinished Items.* The Session proceeded to the consideration of the unfinished items of the agenda and adopted the following actions:

(a.) *Rural Work.* The following resolution submitted by the Home Mission and Church Erection Society of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ was referred to the Board of Missions of The Evangelical United Brethren Church for consideration:

WHEREAS, The Church of the United Brethren in Christ at its General Conference in session at Westerville, Ohio, in May, 1945, provided for a much expanded program for the work of the Town and Country Church, and

WHEREAS, The Board of Home Missions and Church Erection, having been charged with the administration of the program, decided to delay action on the matter until after the merger is completed, and

WHEREAS, This program is one to which the Church of the United Brethren in Christ is committed and

WHEREAS, The Church of the United Brethren in Christ and the Evangelical Church is 80 per cent rural, and

WHEREAS, The need of encouragement and support of our rural churches is apparent to all students of the present conditions within the Church and in view of the fact that every other major denomination has a well developed program for the town and country church with one or more employed leaders, be it therefore

RESOLVED, By the Board of Home Missions and Church Erection of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ in session at Santa Cruz, New Mexico, May 20-22, that we respectfully petition the Board of Missions of The Evangelical United Brethren Church that it provide in its Church Extension Department, under the Town and Country Commission, a full-time director of town and country church work at the merging General Conference.

(b.) *WSWS By-Laws.* The proposed By-Laws to the Constitution of the General Women's Society of World Service presented by the women's organization were adopted. (See By-Laws.)

(c.) *Reference to Merger Commission.* The following resolution presented by the women's organizations was adopted:

Since Article IV on Amendments originally contained in the Constitution set up by the Women's Committee on Merger for the Women's Society of World Service was omitted from the Constitution as printed in the Discipline, it was voted:

To ask the Joint Commission on Merger for an interpretation as to how this constitution may be amended. It was further voted:

To call to the attention of the Commission the fact that in Paragraph 804 in the Discipline, there is confusion through the inclusion of both the expressions, "The Department of Women's Service" and the "Women's Council," which calls for some clarification.

(d.) *WSWS Magazines.* The following resolution of the Women's Committee on Merger relating to the publication of missionary magazines by the Women's Society of World Service was adopted:

After some discussion as to the use of a magazine in the promotion of the work of the Women's Society of World Service, it was voted:

That there be a magazine of 32 pages for the Women's Society of World Service, merging the *Evangel* and the *Evangelical Missionary World*, and that the name be the World Evangel and the subscription price 50 cents per year.

Instead of the *Missionary Gem* (the missionary magazine for children as published by the Woman's Missionary Society of the Evangelical Church) it was voted:

That we confer with the Board of Publication as to cooperation in promotion of a general children's magazine, and

That the secretary of missionary education for children be responsible for supplying suitable missionary material for such a general paper.

(e.) *WSWS Constitutions.* Constitutions for the Conference Branch and the Local Women's Society of World Service presented by the Women's organizations were adopted. (See Constitutions.)

(f.) *Missionary Education.* The program of "Missionary Education for Children" presented by the women's organizations was approved and referred to the representatives of the women's organizations on the Committee of Eighteen for study and the formulation of constitutions for the continuation of the present Mission Bands, Little Heralds and the Otterbein Guilds, these constitutions to be submitted to the meeting of the Board of Missions of The Evangelical United Brethren Church on February 4-6, 1947. (See Program.)

(g.) *WSWS Convention.* The following resolutions presented by the women's organizations and relating to the Women's Society of World Service were adopted:

(1.) *Uniting Convention.* Since a uniting convention must be called soon after the union of the two churches is consummated, it was voted:

To take the necessary steps to make such a convention possible.

(2.) *Time of Convention.* Since the time of the meeting of this uniting convention will be related to first meetings of the Board of Missions, it was voted:

That the time of the meeting should be determined in consultation with the Board of Missions.

(3.) *First Council Membership.* Since the first council for the Women's Society of World Service will need to be nominated before the uniting convention by existing organizations, it was voted:

That the Board of Trustees, acting on the interpretation of their Board of Bishops that the Board of Trustees of the Women's Missionary Association of the United Brethren Church has constitutional power to act and make such nominations, shall nominate six women to be elected by the uniting General Conference of The Evangelical United Brethren Church and that the biennial meeting of the Woman's Department of the Woman's Missionary Society of The Evangelical Church shall nominate six women to be elected by that General Conference to constitute the first council of the Women's Society of World Service. In each case only three of these women shall be eligible to succeed themselves at the close of the first quadrennium.

4. *Uniting Convention Membership.* Since a smaller body than the quadrennial convention seems advisable for the uniting convention which is to set up the general program of the Women's Society of World Service, it was voted:

To set up the convention with the following membership; the new Council for the Women's Society of World Service, the former Board of Trustees and staff of the Woman's Missionary Association of the United Brethren Church, the former Council of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Evangelical Church, and the presidents of the former conference branches of both the United Brethren Church and the Evangelical Church. If there must be an alternate for a conference branch president, the alternate shall be elected from among the branch officers by the branch officers.

(5) *Uniting Convention Expense.* To provide proper financing of this uniting convention, it was voted:

That the expense of this meeting shall be borne by the two former organizations uniting according to plans which each may devise.

(6) *Program Material.* Since it seemed desirable to begin a united study program as soon as possible, it was voted:

That a packet of program materials to cover the period from January 1st through August 31st, 1947, should be prepared by the Joint

Committee of staff members of the Women's Missionary Association and the Woman's Missionary Society, the subject matter to cover the mission fields of The Evangelical United Brethren Church.

(7) *Christian Service Guild*. A period of discussion on the value of and need for some organization to take the place of the Harford Circle and the Christian Service Guild was concluded by a vote:

To provide an organization for any business or professional women and any young woman who cannot attend the regular meetings of the Women's Society of World Service. It was further voted:

To adopt the name, Christian Service Guild, for this organization.

(8) *WSWS Offerings*. It was suggested that the By-Laws on Funds in the constitution of the local Women's Society of World Service should contain sections on monthly offerings, special offerings, and special membership. It was also suggested that provision should be made to make the Council of the Women's Society of World Service representative, that some plan of notice by employees and to employees be worked out, and that the special offerings of Women's Society of World Service include at least the following: a thankoffering brought in November, a World Service day offering, a Lincoln pennies offering brought in February, and a literature offering brought in October.

(h) *Special Days Offerings*. Record was ordered made of the following approved Special Days Offerings of the present missionary agencies, these offerings to be recognized as the official Special Days Offerings to be promoted during 1947.

The Missionary Society of the Evangelical Church.

Children's Day—June.

Foreign Missions Day—November.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Evangelical Church.

Self Denial and Day of Prayer—February.

Thank Offering Day—November.

The Foreign Missionary Society United Brethren in Christ.

World Mission Sunday—March.

The Home Mission and Church Erection Society.

Home Missions Day—November.

The Women's Missionary Association of the United Brethren in Christ.

World Missions Advancement Day—October.

(i) *Promotional Materials*. The Executive Secretaries were requested to submit to the Board of Missions meeting on February 4-6, 1947, samples of all promotional materials now in use by the various organizations.

(j) *Mission Manuals*. The Executive Secretaries were requested to provide for the Board of Missions meeting on February 4-6 copies of all Mission Manuals in use by their organizations.

(k) *Meeting of Committee of Eighteen*. The Chairman was authorized to call a meeting of the Committee of Eighteen during the General Conference sessions if such a meeting seems necessary.

7. *Minutes Approved*. The minutes were approved.

8. *Adjournment*. The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p. m.

CARL HEINMILLER, *Secretary*

MINUTES ON THE WOMEN'S COMMITTEE ON MERGER

The Women's Committee on Merger of the United Brethren and the Evangelical Churches met in the United Brethren Board rooms in Dayton, Ohio, at 9:00 a. m. on August 14th, Mrs. J. B. Showers, presiding. Mrs. Maude L. Shambaugh was appointed secretary.

Roll Call. All members of the committee were present: Mrs. Showers, Mrs. S. S. Hough, Mrs. E. S. Kern and Miss Janet Gilbert of the United Brethren Church, and Mrs. H. S. Frank, Mrs. J. S. Stamm, Mrs. N. F. Smith and Mrs. Shambaugh of the Evangelical Church. Miss Marion Baker,

Executive Secretary of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Evangelical Church was present on invitation and was made an advisory member.

Devotions. Mrs. Showers led in a devotional period, stressing open doors in Japan and the responsibility laid on American Christians to enter them. This meditation was followed by a circle of prayer.

Previous Meetings. The minutes of the meetings of March and April, 1946, were reviewed.

Missionary Education of Children. The report on missionary education for children was reviewed, accepted as corrected, and appended to these minutes.

On presentation to the general committee on August 16th, the report was referred back, with general approval and suggestions that we incorporate more fully the present existing organizations, preparing constitutions that will cover the needs of the present Otterbein Guild, Mission Band, and Little Herald groups.

The committee recessed for lunch at 11:30, reconvening at 12:30 p. m. with Mrs. Kern leading in prayer.

Missionary Magazines. After reference to action taken at the April meeting, and further discussion, the following actions were taken, and later presented to and approved by the Committee of Eighteen on merger of missionary interests.

1. Believing that there is a real and continuing need for a magazine in the promotion of the work of the Women's Society of World Service, it was voted.

That there be a magazine of 32 pages for the Women's Society of World Service, merging the *Evangel* and the *Evangelical Missionary World*, and that the name be the *World Evangel*, and the subscription price 50 cents per year.

2. Instead of the *Missionary Gem* (the missionary magazine for children as published by the Woman's Missionary Society of the Evangelical Church) it was voted

That we confer with the Board of Publications concerning the inclusion of missionary material in the Sunday school papers for children's departments, and

That the Secretary of Missionary Education for Children be responsible for supplying such missionary material.

By-Laws and Constitutions. By-laws of the Women's Society of World Service, and constitutions and by-laws of the local and conference branch organizations, as reported in the March and April minutes of this committee were reviewed, and with additions and changes, presented to the Committee of Eighteen. These as approved, are herewith appended.

WSWS Constitution. Referring to "questions to raise with Joint Committee of Eighteen" as included in the March minutes, the following action was taken:

Since Article IV on Amendments originally contained in the Constitution set up by the Women's Committee on Merger for the Woman's Society of World Service, was omitted from the constitution as printed in the Discipline, it was voted to ask the uniting General Conference to include the following:

WSWS Constitution—Article V—Amendments. This constitution may be amended by a three-fourths vote of the quadrennial convention, provided such changes have been recommended by the Council; such changes to be submitted to the Board of Missions and the General Conference of The Evangelical United Brethren Church for ratification.

This item was approved by the general committee on August 16th.

The committee adjourned at 5:15 and reconvened at 6:15. Miss Baker led the group in prayer.

WSWS Unified Plan. The constitution and by-laws for the local unified Women's Society of World Service were written, and on August 16th, with changes, approved as appended by the general committee.

After some discussion of the young people's work, and the reading course for 1947, the committee adjourned at 9:00 p. m.

August 15, 1946

Staff. Following discussion in the general committee regarding questions of staff, the women's committee took the following action which was later presented to and approved by the general committee:

We recommend that the Women's Society of World Service have on its staff for this quadrennium, an Associate Secretary.

It was voted that there shall be a maximum of six, with a probability of only five, staff members; these members to be an Executive Secretary, an Associate Secretary, an Editor, a Secretary of Missionary Education, a Secretary of Missionary Education for Children, and a Field Secretary.

After getting a picture of the Board this morning, we feel strongly that there should be uniformity of staff representation from each Department of the Board, and we register our agreement to a change in P756 from having the entire staff on the Board of Missions to inclusion only of the Executive Secretary and the Associate Secretary, if and when General Conference sees fit to change the Discipline.

August 16, 1946

WSWS Treasurer. Following discussion in the general group, the women's committee took the following action which was turned over to the general committee for record:

The women members of the Committee of Eighteen on merger of missionary interests report that we want to cooperate with the plan for a General Treasurer and that we are willing to recognize him as the Treasurer of the Women's Society of World Service.

We do, however, see some difficulties to be faced, and feel (1) that there will need to be some accounting done in our office, and (2) that all money should come to the office of the WSWS to be turned over, periodically, to the General Treasurer.

The women's committee presented to the general group, in addition to earlier mentioned items, actions taken at the March meeting regarding the uniting convention, program year, and the interim program material, and from the April meeting, items referring to the Harford Circle, the Christian Service Guild, and plans for special days, offerings, etc.

The women's committee convened at 6:30 p. m., Mrs. Frank presiding. Mrs. E. S. Kern led in prayer.

Actions of the general committee in session August 15th and 16th were reviewed.

Consideration of constitutions for auxiliary groups led to the assignment for necessary revision of existing constitutions, as follows:

Mission Band and Little Herald groups—Mrs. Smith.

Missionary Guilds (formerly Otterbein Guilds)—Miss Gilbert.

Christian Service Guilds—Miss Baker.

It was requested that the first draft of each of these constitutions be brought before the women's committee at the next session on Saturday morning, August 17th.

The committee adjourned at 9:00 p. m.

August 17, 1946

The women's committee opened its August 17th session at 9:00 a. m. Mrs. Frank, presiding, led in meditation and prayer.

Constitutions for Auxiliary Groups. Constitutions of the Mission Band, Little Herald Department, Girls' Missionary Guild, and Christian Service Guild were submitted to the women's committee by Mrs. Smith, Miss Gilbert, and Miss Baker. Careful consideration was given to each. Corrections and additions were recommended.

These constitutions, as completed and for submission to the Committee on Legal Affairs at their September meeting, are herewith appended.

Handbook. Action was taken that Miss Gilbert and Miss Baker share responsibility for preparation of a skeleton handbook that will be an interpretation of the whole program of the Women's Society of World Service and the Christian Service Guilds.

Planning Conference. Action was taken that the Planning Conference of the Women's Society of World Service (which is the "uniting convention" of the March minutes) shall meet in Dayton, Ohio, December 10th to 12th inclusive.

Publications. Discussion relative to moving equipment, housing staff, and preparation and publishing of the missionary magazines led to the following actions:

1. That we request permission to have our magazine produced in Dayton.
2. That we try to combine our magazine material for the January number under joint editorship of our two present editors, and
3. That the method of production and distribution be left to the two editors and the discretion of the officers.

Women's Rally. It was reported to the committee that Mrs. Showers and Mrs. Frank had been requested by the general committee to arrange for a women's rally on the evening of November 20th; this to be a part of the first General Conference of The Evangelical United Brethren Church, meeting in Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

Council Membership. The committee feels that selection of the twelve members of the Women's Council should be given serious consideration by the nominating committees, and that the basis of selection for service in the first quadrennium be primarily that of ability to do the work of the Women's Society of World Service. Mrs. Showers and Mrs. Frank were asked to make reservations for their respective groups of six each, with the General Conference housing committee at Johnstown.

Adjournment. After prayer, led by Mrs. Stamm, the meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

MISSIONARY EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN

The last commission of our Lord to his disciples was to carry the good news to all men. This commission and the life of Jesus Christ are sufficient reason for holding that the Church must be missionary if it is to live and fulfill its purpose. Because of the missionary nature of the Church, the missionary education of all for whom she is responsible is an important, and imperative duty. And since effective education in this field should begin with children, adequate provision for the missionary education of children must be made by the Church.

What Is It?

Missionary education can begin for children as soon as they can understand that the loving heavenly Father cares for them and loves all children. Its scope broadens as they come to know Jesus as their friend and try to live as he lived. Through a wider acquaintance with life they will discover that not all children have learned to know Jesus and love him. They will develop a desire to share with all children the good things which have come into the world because Jesus lived and taught—a chance to have a Christian home, a chance to be healthy, a chance to go to school, and a chance to go to church and Sunday school.

What Should It Accomplish?

Missionary Education which is adequate will strive to accomplish at least these purposes.

1. Develop a spirit of friendship for all children, beginning with those in the local community and progressively reaching out as the child's world enlarges.

2. Create in them a desire to help all children to know and love Jesus Christ.

3. Lead to a desire to share the good things of life, which Christianity has brought to the world, with others.

4. Afford opportunities to share through activities, projects, and other forms of service in carrying on the missionary work of the Church.

Proposed Plan

To carry out these purposes and to conserve the values of the missionary education programs for children of both the United Brethren and Evangelical Church, the program in the new church shall include such study and activities projects as the following:

I. For children under six years of age.

The missionary education program of the cradle roll (from birth to three) and nursery class (three-year-olds) of the Sunday school.

The missionary education program of the beginners' department (four and five-year-olds) of the Sunday school.

Co-operation with parents, by furnishing them with leaflets, pictures and missionary stories which they can use to interest their children in missions. Visitation in the homes of the children by a children's worker interested in missions who can explain any projects in process and distribute materials.

Additional periods (on Sundays or week days) allowing sufficient time for activities and projects on missionary emphases.

II. For children from six to twelve years of age.

The missionary education program in the primary department (six, seven and eight-year-olds) of the Sunday school

The missionary education program in the junior department (nine, ten and eleven-year-olds) of the Sunday school.

Sufficient time for activities and projects on missionary emphases, additional periods conducted on Sunday (during the worship period or at any other acceptable period on Sunday) or week days.

Implementation of Plan

On the General Level. To implement this plan the Women's Society of World Service shall co-operate with the interboard educational program committee and (1) that a full-time secretary of missionary education for children be employed by the Women's Society of World Service; (2) that she be a member of the subcommittee on childrens' work of the interboard educational program committee.

On the Conference Level. To implement this plan and in accord with P. 1061 of the Discipline that the representative of children's interest of the Women's Society of World Service be appointed by the executive committee of the branch and that she become an officer of the branch to be known as the secretary of missionary education for children.

On the Local Level. A set-up similar to that of the conference level is recommended in the local church with the provision that the secretary of missionary education for children be appointed by the executive committee of the Women's Society of World Service in consultation with the Board of Christian Education from the membership of one of the missionary organizations of the church wherever there is such an organization and that she shall work in co-operation with the local director of children's work.

Missionary Offerings of the Children's Department

It was voted that the missionary offerings of the children's department shall flow through the treasury of the Women's Society of World Service. These offerings shall be channeled through the local treasurer to the branch treasurer. In churches where there is no local society, these offerings shall be sent by the secretary of missionary education for children's work to the conference branch treasurer of the Women's Society of World Service.

**WOMEN'S SOCIETY OF WORLD SERVICE,
CONSTITUTIONS AND BY-LAWS
By-Laws of the Constitution of the General Women's Society
of World Service**

Article I. Branch Representation in the Quadrennial Convention

The voting membership of the Quadrennial Convention shall be the Council of the Women's Society of World Service, the staff, and the conference branch delegates.

Conference branches with a membership of 1,000 or less shall be represented by their president or an alternate as provided in the conference branch constitution.

Conference branches with a membership of more than 1,000 shall be represented by their president and one additional representative for each additional 1,000 members or major fraction thereof.

Article II. Duties of Officers

The duties of the officers shall be those generally recognized as duties pertaining to these offices and such other duties as shall be assigned.

Article III. Term of Membership in the Council

No member of the Council of the Women's Society of World Service shall serve on the Council for more than two consecutive quadrenniums.

Article IV. Filling of Vacancies

Vacancies on the Council of the Women's Society of World Service shall be filled by appointment by the members of the Council.

Article V. Departments

There shall be such departments as are deemed advisable for the efficient promotion of the work.

Article VI. Standing Committees

There shall be such standing committees as are deemed advisable for the efficient promotion of the work.

Article VII. Fiscal Year

The fiscal year shall be in accord with the fiscal year of the Board of Missions.

Article VIII. Special Memberships

Section 1. Sustaining Member. Any person may become a sustaining member of the Women's Society of World Service by the payment of \$10 at one time to a local, conference branch, or general treasurer of the Women's Society of World Service.

Section 2. Life Member. Any person may become a life member of the Women's Society of World Service by the payment of \$25 at one time to a local, conference branch, or general treasurer of the Women's Society of World Service.

Section 3. Patron Member. Any person may become a patron member of the Women's Society of World Service by the payment of \$100 at one time to a local, conference branch, or general treasurer of the Women's Society of World Service.

The gifts establishing the above memberships may be designated by the donors for any of the currently promoted funds of the general Women's Society of World Service.

Section 4. Perpetual Member. Any person may become a perpetual member of the Women's Society of World Service by the payment of \$50 at one time into a memorial fund through a local, conference branch, or the general treasurer of the Women's Society of World Service.

Article IX. Amendments

These by-laws may be amended by a three-fourths vote of the quadrennial convention provided such changes have been recommended by the Council. Such changes shall be submitted to the Board of Missions and the General Conference of The Evangelical United Brethren Church for ratification.

CONSTITUTION OF THE CONFERENCE BRANCH WOMEN'S SOCIETY OF WORLD SERVICE

Article I. Name

The name of this organization shall be the Women's Society of World Service of the Conference Branch of The Evangelical United Brethren Church.

Article II. Purpose

The purpose of this society shall be to unite all the women of the conference branch to make Christ known throughout the world, to deepen the spiritual life of its members, to develop a sense of personal responsibility for the whole task of the Church, and to secure funds through systematic means for the maintenance of the missionary work of The Evangelical United Brethren Church.

Article III. Membership

The Conference Branch shall consist of the local societies belonging to the churches within the bounds of the Conference.

Article IV. Officers

Section 1. The officers of the conference branch shall be a president, one or more vice-presidents, a secretary, a treasurer, and such other officers and appointees as the work may require.

Section 2. The officers shall be elected at the annual meeting of the conference branch.

Section 3. No officer shall be eligible to serve in the same office for more than five consecutive years.

Section 4. These officers shall constitute the executive committee of the branch.

Article V. Meetings

Section 1. The conference branch shall hold an annual meeting for inspiration, for study and planning, and for the transaction of its business.

Section 2. The membership of the annual meeting of the conference branch shall consist of the officers of the conference branch and one or more delegates from each of the missionary societies in the local church, as the branch may determine.

Section 3. At the annual meeting of the conference branch preceding the quadrennial meeting of the general Women's Society of World Service, the conference branch shall provide for representation at the quadrennial meeting as provided in Article II of the by-laws of this constitution.

Article VI. Funds

Section 1. All funds received by the conference branch treasurer except contingent funds shall be sent to the general treasurer.

Section 2. The conference branch shall formulate its own plans for raising its contingent fund.

Article VII. By-Laws

By-laws, consistent with the constitution, other than Article I, II, and III, may be adopted, upon recommendation of the executive committee, by a majority vote of the conference branch at the annual meeting of the conference branch.

Article VIII. Amendments

This constitution can be amended only by the General Conference.

BY-LAWS**Article I. Duties of Officers**

The duties of the officers shall be such as usually pertain to those officers and such as may be assigned by the general Women's Society of World Service.

Article II. Representation at the Quadrennial Meeting

Each branch with a membership of 1,000 or less shall be represented at the quadrennial convention by its president or an alternate elected by the executive committee from the executive committee.

In addition to its president, any branch with more than 1,000 members shall elect an additional representative for each additional 1,000 members or major fraction thereof.

Article III. Fiscal Year

The fiscal year shall be in accord with the fiscal year of the general Women's Society of World Service.

CONSTITUTION OF THE LOCAL WOMEN'S SOCIETY OF WORLD SERVICE**Article I. Name**

The name of this organization shall be the Women's Society of World Service of the Church of the Conference Branch.

Article II. Purpose

The purpose of this society shall be to unite all the women of the church to make Christ known throughout the world, to deepen the spiritual life of its members, to develop a sense of personal responsibility for the whole task of the church and to secure funds through systematic means for the maintenance of the missionary work of The Evangelical United Brethren Church.

Article III. Membership

Any woman may become a member of this Society who subscribes to its purpose and contributes regularly through prayer, service, and money.

Article IV. Officers

Section 1. The officers of the society shall be a president, one or more vice presidents, a secretary, a treasurer, and such other officers as the work of the Women's Society of World Service may require.

Section 2. These officers shall be elected by the society at its annual meeting in

Section 3. No officer shall be eligible to serve in the same office for more than three consecutive years.

Section 4. Executive Committee. These officers, with the chairmen of the standing committees, shall constitute the executive committee of the society.

Article V. Meetings

The society shall hold one or more meetings a month for inspiration, for the study of its world mission, and for the transaction of its business.

Article VI. Funds

All funds raised under the auspices of this society shall be disbursed in accord with Article V of the by-laws of this constitution.

Article VII. By-laws

By-laws, consistent with the constitution, other than Article I, II, III, IV, and V, may be adopted, upon recommendation of the executive committee, by a majority vote of the society at a regular meeting.

Article VIII. Amendments

This constitution can be amended only by the General Conference.

BY-LAWS**Article I. Duties of Officers**

The duties of the officers shall be such as usually pertain to these offices and such as may be assigned by the general and branch Women's Society of World Service.

Article II. Standing Committees

Section 1. There shall be such standing committees as the work of the society may require.

Section 2. Executive Committee. The executive committee shall meet at least once each quarter.

It shall supervise and plan the work of the society and submit its recommendations to the society for action.

It shall fill vacancies in offices and committees.

Article III. Representation at the Annual Meeting of the Conference Branch

The society shall be represented at the annual meeting of the conference branch by one or more delegates as the conference branch shall determine. One of these delegates shall be the president, if possible.

Article IV. Fiscal Year

The fiscal year shall be in accord with the fiscal year of the general Women's Society of World Service.

Article V. Funds

All monies received through the regular giving of the membership, designated and undesignated gifts, and special offerings shall flow into the general treasury through the branch treasurer.

There shall be a contingent fund through which the branch assessment and local expenses shall be met.

CONSTITUTION OF THE LOCAL UNIFIED WOMEN'S SOCIETY OF WORLD SERVICE

(NOTE: This constitution has been prepared for use in local churches which wish to unify the women's organizations and programs.)

Article I. Name

The name of this organization shall be the Women's Society of World Service of the Church of the Conference Branch.

Article II. Purpose

The purpose of this society shall be to unite all the women of the church in Christian fellowship, to deepen the spiritual life and broaden the social consciousness of its members, and to develop a sense of personal responsibility for the whole task of the church to make Christ known throughout the world, through a program of education, service, prayer and giving for the support of the missionary work at home and abroad and for local church activities and interests.

Article III. Membership

Any woman may become a member of this society who subscribes to its purpose and contributes regularly through prayer, service, and money.

Article IV. Officers

Section 1. The officers of the society shall be a president, one or more vice presidents, a secretary, a treasurer, and such other officers as the work of the Women's Society of World Service may require.

Section 2. These officers shall be elected by the society at its annual meeting in

Section 3. No officer shall be eligible to serve in the same office for more than three consecutive years.

Section 4. Executive Committee. These officers, with the chairmen of the standing committees shall constitute the executive committee of the society.

Article V. Meetings

The society shall hold one or more meetings a month for inspiration, for the study of its world mission, and for the transaction of its business.

Article VI. Funds

All funds raised under the auspices of this society shall be disbursed in accord with Article V of the by-laws of this constitution.

Article VII. Relationships

Section 1. The society shall be a member of the conference branch in which it is located.

Section 2. In making its report to the branch, the society shall report as members only those women contributing to the cause of missions.

Section 3. The society shall share in the financial responsibilities of the branch by promoting the financial program of the Women's Society of World Service.

Section 4. The society shall promote the Women's Society of World Service program of spiritual life, missionary education, and Christian social relations.

Article VIII. By-laws

By-laws, consistent with the constitution, other than Article I, II, III, IV, and V may be adopted, upon recommendation of the executive committee, by a majority vote of the society at a regular meeting.

Article IX. Amendments

This constitution can be amended only by the General Conference.

BY-LAWS

Article I. Duties of Officers

The duties of the officers shall be such as usually pertain to these offices.

Article II. Standing Committees

Section 1. There shall be such standing committees as the work of the society may require.

Section 2. Executive Committee. The executive committee shall meet at least once each quarter.

It shall supervise and plan the work of the society and submit its recommendations to the society for action.

It shall fill vacancies in offices and committees.

Article III. Representation at the Annual Meeting of the

Conference Branch

The society shall be represented at the annual meeting of the conference branch by one or more delegates as the conference branch may determine. One of these delegates shall be the president, if possible.

Article IV. Fiscal Year

The fiscal year shall be in accord with the fiscal year of the general Women's Society of World Service.

Article V. Funds

Funds shall be gathered for missions of The Evangelical United Brethren Church through regular giving, through special day offerings, special gifts and special memberships. All missionary monies shall be sent regularly to the Branch Treasurer.

Other funds may be raised and disbursed for the local church and community interests, at the discretion of the society.

There shall be a contingent fund to provide for the local expenses and branch assessments.

CONSTITUTION OF THE CHRISTIAN SERVICE GUILD**Article I. Name**

The name of this organization shall be the Christian Service Guild of the Church of the Conference Branch.

Article II. Purpose

The purpose of the Guild shall be to unite all the women of the church to make Christ known throughout the world, to deepen the spiritual life of its members, to develop a sense of personal responsibility for the whole task of the church and to secure funds through systematic means for the maintenance of the missionary work of The Evangelical United Brethren Church.

Article III. Membership

Any business or professional woman and any young woman who cannot attend the regular meetings of the Women's Society of World Service may become a member of this Guild provided she subscribes to its purpose and contributes regularly through prayer, service, and money.

Article IV. Officers

Section 1. The officers of the Guild shall be a president, one or more vice presidents, a secretary, a treasurer, and such other officers as the work of the Christian Service Guild may require.

Section 2. These officers shall be elected by the society at its annual meeting in

Section 3. No officers shall be eligible to serve in the same office for more than three consecutive years.

Section 4. Executive Committee. These officers, with the chairmen of the standing committees, shall constitute the executive committee of the Guild.

Article V. Meetings

The Guild shall hold one or more meetings a month for inspiration, for the study of world missions, and for the transaction of business.

Article VI. Funds

All funds raised under the auspices of the Guild shall be disbursed in accord with Article V of the by-laws of this constitution.

Article VII. Relationships

The Guild shall have co-operative relationship to the local Women's Society of World Service and shall be amenable to the conference branch and general Women's Society of World Service.

Article VIII. By-laws

By-laws, other than the following, consistent with the constitution of the Christian Service Guild, upon recommendation of the executive committee, may be adopted by a majority vote of the Guild at a regular meeting.

Article IX. Amendments

Amendments to this constitution can only be adopted upon approval of the General Conference.

BY-LAWS**Article I. Duties of Officers**

The duties of the officers shall be such as usually pertain to these offices and such as may be assigned by the general Women's Society of World Service.

Article II. Standing Committees

Section 1. There shall be such standing committees as the work of the Guild may require.

Section 2. Executive Committee. The executive committee shall meet at least once each quarter. It shall supervise and plan the work of the

Guild and submit its recommendations to the Guild for action. It shall fill all vacancies in offices and committees.

Article III. Representation at the Annual Meeting of the Conference Branch

Each Guild shall be represented at the annual meeting of the conference branch of the Women's Society of World Service by one or more delegates as the conference branch shall determine. One of these delegates shall be the president, if possible.

Article IV. Fiscal Year

The fiscal year shall be in accord with the fiscal year of the general Women's Society of World Service.

Article V. Funds

All monies received through the regular giving of the membership, designated and undesignated gifts, and special offerings shall flow into the general treasury of the Women's Society of World Service through the branch treasurer.

There shall be a contingent fund through which the branch assessment and local expenses shall be met.

CONSTITUTION OF THE GIRLS' MISSIONARY GUILD IN THE LOCAL CHURCH

Article I. Name

The name of this organization shall be the Girls' Missionary Guild of the Women's Society of World Service of The Evangelical United Brethren Church.

Article II. Purpose

The purpose of this organization shall be to interest the girls of the church in the cause of missions throughout the world, to deepen the spiritual life of its members, to develop a sense of personal responsibility for the whole task of the church and to secure funds through systematic means for the maintenance of the missionary work of The Evangelical United Brethren Church.

Article III. Membership

Any girl between the ages of 12 and 24 inclusive may become a member of this organization who subscribes to its purpose and contributes regularly through prayer, service, and money.

Article IV. Officers

Section 1. The officers of the Guild shall be a president, a vice-president, a secretary, a treasurer, and such other officers as the work of the Guild shall require.

Section 2. A counselor shall be chosen by the Guild from the membership of the Women's Society of World Service or the Christian Service Guild if either exists. Otherwise the counselor chosen shall be a woman who is a member of the church, devoted to the cause of missions and deeply interested in girls.

Section 3. These officers shall be elected by ballot at the annual meeting in _____.

Section 4. These officers, with the chairmen of the standing committees, shall constitute the executive committees of the Guild, the counselor being an advisory member.

Article V. Meetings

The Guild shall hold one or more meetings a month for inspiration, for the study of world missions and for the transaction of business.

Article VI. Funds

Money raised through offerings and gifts shall flow into the World Service Fund of the General Youth Fellowship of The Evangelical United Brethren

Church. This money shall be paid by the treasurer of the Guild to the treasurer of the Youth Fellowship of the local church (correlated plan) or if such an organization does not exist in the local church such funds shall be sent by the Guild treasurer to the treasurer of the Youth Fellowship of the Annual Conference.

There shall be a local contingent fund to provide for the expenses of the Guild.

Article VII. Relationships

The Guild has a co-operative relationship to the local Women's Society of World Service and is amenable to the conference branch and to the general Women's Society of World Service.

It shall co-operate with other youth organizations in the local church and annual conference.

The Guild shall be represented at the annual meeting of the conference branch by one or more delegates as the conference branch shall determine. One of these shall be the president, if possible.

At the annual meeting or at some special meeting such as a mother and daughter meeting there shall be a formal transfer of the married girls and of those who have reached young adulthood from the Guild to the society provided for them.

Article VIII. Amendments

This constitution may be amended by a three-fourths vote of the quadrennial convention provided such changes have been recommended by the Council, such changes to be submitted for ratification to the Board of Missions and the General Conference of The Evangelical United Brethren Church.

CONSTITUTION OF THE MISSION BAND

Article I. Name

This organization shall be called the Mission Band of Church of The Evangelical United Brethren Church.

Article II. Purpose

The purpose of the Mission Band shall be the cultivation of a missionary spirit among the children and the raising of money for missionary purposes in The Evangelical United Brethren Church.

Article III. Membership

Any child, six to twelve-years of age, may become a member by paying monthly an optional sum into the treasury.

Article IV. Supervision

The Mission Band shall be under the supervision of a Leader elected by the Local Women's Society of World Service. In case there is no Woman's Society of World Service, the pastor may appoint such a leader.

Article V. Officers

Section 1. The officers shall be: President, vice-president, recording secretary, and treasurer. These officers shall be appointed by the leader or elected by the children of the Mission Band under the direction of the leader, whose duties shall be those usual to such offices.

The officers may be elected at an annual meeting.

Section 2. The officers with the leader shall constitute an executive committee, who shall arrange for the meetings and appoint committees for the development of the work of the Mission Band.

Article VI. Meetings

The Mission Band shall hold regular monthly meetings.

Article VII. Funds

The Mission Band shall be auxiliary to the local Women's Society of World Service and shall remit funds to the branch secretary of Mission Bands.

The Mission Band shall appropriate its money to Children's Work in home and foreign fields under the supervision of the Women's Society of World Service.

CONSTITUTION LITTLE HERALDS**Its Purpose**

1. The Little Herald Department of the Women's Society of World Service is of interest to the mother, the child, and the missionary cause.
2. The purpose is to get the little ones into vital touch with the spirit of missions at the earliest moment of the child's life.

The Plan

1. A Little Herald secretary shall be appointed by the local Women's Society of World Service who shall endeavor to enroll all the children under six years of age on the Little Herald Roll. In case there is no Women's Society of World Service, the pastor may appoint such a leader.
2. Each Little Herald shall receive a membership certificate and Cradle Box.
3. The Little Herald Roll is auxiliary to the Women's Society of World Service. At the age of six years the Little Herald is promoted to the Mission Band Department.
4. Little Herald Day shall be held annually, at which time the Cradle Boxes are opened and the birthday offerings and all monies contributed by the Little Heralds, recorded and sent to the branch secretary of Little Heralds. Other meetings may be held at such time and place as desired.

Appropriation

The Little Herald Department shall appropriate its money to the children's work under the supervision of the Women's Society of World Service.

**JOINT MEETING ON MERGING DENOMINATIONAL
BOARDS OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
U. B. BUILDING, DAYTON, OHIO**

June 13-14, 1946

A Joint Meeting on Merging the Boards of Christian Education of the Evangelical Church and the Church of the United Brethren in Christ was held in the U. B. Building, Dayton, Ohio, June 13 and 14, 1946. This meeting was called by the two General Secretaries of Christian Education. The meeting opened at 9:30 a.m.

1. Representatives of the two Boards were present as follows:

1.1. *For the Church of United Brethren in Christ*, appointed by the Executive Committee of the General Board of Christian Education: Bishop Fred L. Dennis, Bishop A. R. Clippinger, Dr. O. T. Deever and President W. N. Roberts. Dr. E. E. Harris, fifth member of the committee, was absent due to an appointment in a summer camp.

1.2. *For the Evangelical Church*, appointed by the General Board of Christian Education, with power: Bishop E. W. Praetorius, Dr. W. E. Peffley, Dr. R. H. Mueller and Rev. R. M. Holdeman. Rev. LeRoy Deininger attended the sessions on June 14th.

2. A Scripture Lesson was read by Bishop Dennis and Bishop E. W. Praetorius was called upon to lead in prayer.

3. Bishop F. L. Dennis was elected **Chairman** and the two General Secretaries were named as recording secretaries of the meeting.

4. **A Statement of the Purpose of this Meeting** was made by General Secretary Deeвер, which was endorsed by General Secretary Mueller, namely, to make plans by mutual agreement for the uniting of these two Boards of Christian Education into the General Board of Christian Education of The Evangelical United Brethren Church when church union has become effective.

5. **It was specifically stated that each Subcommittee in this Joint Meeting officially represents** its General Board of Christian Education, the Evangelical Committee having been appointed with power at the 1944 Biennial Session of the Board; and the United Brethren Committee having been appointed by the Executive Committee of its General Board.

6. **Miss Rachel Brant, Director of Children's Work** for the United Brethren Church, was welcomed and received as an advisory member.

7. **A proposed budget for the first year of united operation** was submitted by the two General Secretaries. There was an extended discussion of this budget and the related subjects of staff (not personnel), program and policies.

8. **It was voted that procedure should be as follows:** After agreements have been reached in this Joint Committee Meeting, these actions shall go as our recommendations to our respective Boards of Christian Education, and from them to the Meeting of the Joint Commissions on Church Merger and Union on August 1-3, 1946, for action to submit the recommendations to the united General Conference for ratification.

9. **After recessing for lunch at 11:30 a.m. and reconvening at 1:15 budget matters** were again taken up with the following action resulting:

9.1. *The Section on Administration* was approved as a minimum program with the understanding that personnel and division of responsibilities are to be determined by the new Board of Christian Education following the united General Conference. This includes both salary items and the positions listed. (See budget.)

As an example of how responsibilities might be shared in the proposed staff, the following was given general approval:

- Executive Secretary of Christian Education (Higher Education)
- Associate Executive Secretary (Leadership Education)
- Director of Church School Administration (Educational Evangelism)
- Director of Brotherhood and Adult Work
- Director of Young People's Work
- Director of Children's Work

In this plan, the Executive Secretary would receive three-fourths of his salary from the General Board of Christian Education, and one-fourth from the General Commission on Evangelism. The Associate Executive Secretary would receive one-fourth of his salary from the Board of Christian Education and three-fourths from the General Commission on Evangelism. The Director of Church School Administration would preferably be a full-time worker for this Board, but in the relationships to be worked out with the Commission on Evangelism he might receive one-half of his salary from the Board of Christian Education and one-half from the Commission on Evangelism. In this latter event he would be a half-time assistant in the work of Evangelism. One-half of the salary of the Director of Brotherhood and Adult Work is to be supplied by the new Brotherhood on condition that one-half of the time of this officer be given to Brotherhood promotion. The Directors of Young People's Work and of Children's Work are to be full-time workers in Christian Education. If the Board of Missions desires it, we are favorable to full-time Associate Directors in these two departments, with special responsibility for missionary education and with the financial support provided by the Board of Missions.

9.2. Section 2 of the proposed budget was studied and then approved

with the understanding that such items as rent would be readjusted when the actual rental requirements had been decided.

9.3. Section 3 of the proposed budget was studied and then approved with the further action that, in view of certain commitments already made to student work by the General Board of Christian Education of the United Brethren Church provision is to be made for the solicitation of funds on Annual Conference levels or from private gifts in order to make grants to student work on college and university campuses.

9.4. Section 4 of the proposed budget was approved with the understanding that biennial board sessions would be held in local churches, to be entertained on the Harvard Plan, and the sessions to include some public services for the churches in the local community.

9.5. Section 5 of the proposed budget was approved after discussion, with the understanding that the first four items in this section be fixed on the basis of past askings and contributions.

9.6. Section 6 was approved at \$1,500.00.

10. **A conference with Publishing Agent L. L. Huffman** was made the order of the day for the opening of the next day's meeting. It is to deal with matters of office space, rent, literature and a contribution from the Board of Publication to the support of Christian Education.

11. **Adjournment was taken at 5:00 p.m.** and the day's meetings closed with prayer by Miss Rachel Brant.

12. **The Committee reconvened** at 9:15 a.m. on June 14th and Bishop F. L. Dennis read from John 16 and called on Dr. W. E. Peffley to offer prayer.

13. **Rev. Leroy Deininger of Akron, Ohio**, one of the five Evangelical representatives, was present for this meeting.

14. **The appropriation to the International Council of Religious Education** in Section 5 of the budget was fixed at \$2,250.00 for the year, including contributions from the Publishing Houses. The appropriation to the John Milton Society was set at \$100.00 per year and the other items in Section 5 were left as originally listed. The reductions in these two items were transferred to Section 6, raising the miscellaneous item to \$1,500.00.

15. **Publishing Agent L. L. Huffman met with the Committee** and the following matters were taken up; and the understandings arrived at were considered subject to approval by the Board of Publication:

15.1. *Regarding the annual contribution to the International Council of Religious Education*, practice in the two denominations has differed. In the Evangelical Church the Board of Christian Education has made the total contribution for the denomination, the Board of Publication making a contribution to the Board of Christian Education. In the United Brethren Church the Board of Christian Education has made a contribution and the Board of Publication has made a separate contribution. It was agreed that the item to be set in the budget of the Board of Christian Education of the United Church is to include the total appropriation on behalf of The Evangelical United Brethren Church and that the Board of Publication's contribution shall flow by way of the Board of Christian Education.

15.2. *The question of support for the work of Christian Education from the Board of Publication* was next considered. It was reported that at present the Board of Publication of the Evangelical Church makes an annual grant of \$1,250.00 to the Board of Christian Education, charged against operating costs and not profits, on the basis that the membership of the Board of Christian Education in the International Council of Religious Education provides the Board of Publication with the right to use the International Lesson Outlines and the American Standard Revision Bible text without royalty charges, and that the Board of Christian Education constantly promotes the use of denominational Sunday school literature in the field, while the Board of Pub-

lication is the beneficiary of such promotion. In the United Brethren Church no such contribution is made at present, but the Board of Publication does make an annual contribution direct to the International Council. In view of the practices of both churches, it was agreed to petition the Board of Publication for an annual grant for the work of Christian Education in the amount of \$5,000.00, to be charged against operating costs or promotion, and not to be taken from profits. It was pointed out that we cannot finance our minimum budget of \$50,000.00 per year unless this grant of \$5,000.00 is available.

15.3. *The question of available office space in the U. B. Building* was then discussed. Publisher Huffman stated that the tower floors, above the 14th floor, were available and urged us to consider some of this space. He also stated that if other space is desired enough time would have to be allowed to make it available since all space is presently rented. The General Secretaries of Christian Education recommended that space on the 13th floor, comparable to the offices on the 14th floor now occupied by the Secretaries of the Board of Administration and the Home Mission Board, would be preferred. It was agreed that personal inspections of the building space should be made following adjournment, and that the decision regarding renting office space ought to be referred to a conference of all board secretaries and the Publisher.

15.4. *The matter of rental rates* was also discussed. The question was raised whether we would be required to pay competitive commercial rates that obtain in Dayton, or whether in intra-church relationships between boards, such as this involves, a different basis of rentals might obtain. The publisher said this would have to be considered and decided by the Board of Publication.

15.5. *The matter of handling the sale of Christian Education Pamphlets, Textbooks* and other literature was taken up. It was reported that in the Evangelical Church, the Book Department of the Publishing House handles all of these items for the Board of Christian Education, the latter board handling only a limited amount for answering correspondence and promotion. In the United Brethren Church none of the Christian Education bulletins and pamphlets have been handled by the Publishing House and the Board of Christian Education has carried on the sale of large quantities of these items. For the two denominations it was estimated that at least \$10,000.00 worth of business is done annually in these items. Publisher Huffman agreed that the method now employed in the Evangelical Church could be worked out for the new Church, thus freeing both space and office help for other uses for the Board of Christian Education.

16. **Dr. D. T. Gregory, Executive Secretary of the Board of Administration of the United Brethren Church and Secretary of the Joint Budget Committee for the United Church, and Wesley O. Clark, Treasurer of the U. B. Church,** were invited to sit with the committee to confer regarding fiscal arrangements in the united Church. In the discussion Dr. Gregory reported that the Joint Budget Committee is recommending to the Joint Commissions on Merger and Union that the fiscal year of The Evangelical United Brethren Church, for the operations of the Missions and Benevolence Fund, begin with July 1, 1947. This raised the question of how financial support would be provided for boards from General Conference until July 1, 1947. Pursuant to further discussion, the question was raised as to who pays the costs of moving offices and board secretaries to the headquarters that may be determined, and how will the money be provided for such expenses? It was agreed that these questions should be referred to the Joint Commissions on Federation and Union.

17. **The financing of the work of the Brotherhood and of the Youth Fellowship** was discussed and it was voted that we take the position that these agencies be financed outside of the Board of Christian Education budget except from executive direction and general promotion, which we

have already included. The Brotherhood and Youth Fellowship are to operate on their own budgets, supplied by their own units.

18. It was voted to approve the Budget as a whole as amended by the foregoing actions of this Committee, with the understanding that discussions concerning staff and allocation of responsibilities are tentative.

19. It was voted that we call the attention of the Joint Commissions on Federation and Union to the fact that the preparation of the Courses of Study for junior preachers must be allocated to someone for preparation before the united General Conference. (See Discipline, page 344.)

20. The Committee voted unanimously that we recommend that Headquarters for the General Board of Christian Education be in Dayton, Ohio, provided satisfactory arrangements can be made for adequate office space at acceptable rental rates.

21. The Committee voted unanimously that we recommend to the Joint Commissions on Church Federation and Union that the plan offered by the Evangelical Church representatives be approved, providing for relationships in staff and in such finances as affect staff members whose services may be shared, between the General Board of Christian Education and the General Commission on Evangelism, and affecting such cooperative office management and procedures as can effect savings, it being clearly understood, however, that the General Board of Christian Education and the General Commission on Evangelism are separate and distinct general church agencies, operating under separate budgets and under their respective programs and officers. This plan asks that the united General Conference shall through a special enabling act, provide legislation for one quadrennium, whereby the Executive Secretary of Christian Education shall be named the Associate Secretary of Evangelism and the Executive Secretary of Evangelism shall be named the Associate Secretary of Christian Education, the sharing of time and salaries to be worked out by the two agencies involved. This arrangement will make it possible to keep program relationships between Christian Education and Evangelism, especially in the local churches, and to work out office and staff relationships that will enable these two agencies to operate within the missions and benevolence appropriations planned by the Joint Budget Committee for them, upon the basis of the budgets that have been worked out.

22. The Committee adjourned at 1:00 p.m. with prayer offered by Bishop A. R. Clippinger.

BISHOP FRED L. DENNIS, *Chairman*;
DR. O. T. DEEVER, *Secretary*;
DR. R. H. MUELLER, *Secretary*.

SUGGESTED ANNUAL BUDGET—THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Evangelical United Brethren Church

1. Administration:

1.1 Salaries:

Executive Secretary ($\frac{3}{4}$ Salary)	\$ 3,540.00
Associate Secretary ($\frac{1}{4}$ Salary)	1,180.00
Director of Church School Administration	4,420.00
Director of Brotherhood and Adult Work	4,420.00
Director of Young People's Work	4,420.00
Associate Director of Young People's Work*	
Director of Children's Work	2,500.00
Associate Director of Children's Work*	
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	\$20,480.00
1.2 Pension Funds	720.00
1.3 Office Secretaries and Clerks (4 workers) *	7,000.00
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	\$28,200.00

*These Associate Directors of Young People's and Children's Work to be included if satisfactory arrangements can be made with the Board of Missions.

2. Office Operating Expense:

2.1 Office Rent	\$ 2,000.00	
2.2 Supplies and Work Forms	1,000.00	
2.3 Postage	1,500.00	
2.4 Equipment	500.00	
2.5 Telephone and Telegraph	200.00	
2.6 Office Insurance	25.00	
2.7 Industrial Insurance	75.00	
2.8 Office Library	100.00	
2.9 Auditor's Fee	100.00	
2.10 Miscellaneous Office Expense	250.00	
		\$ 5,750.00

3. Promotion:

3.1 Literature and Printing	\$ 3,000.00	
3.2 Office Travel Fund	2,000.00	
3.3 Committee Meetings	500.00	
3.4 Circulating Library	200.00	
3.5 Age-Level Promotion	1,500.00	
3.6 Visual Education	500.00	
3.7 Leadership Education	500.00	
3.8 Higher Education and Student Work	500.00	
		\$ 8,700.00

4. Denominational Meetings:

4.1 Board Meetings	\$ 1,500.00	
4.2 Executive Committee Meetings	500.00	
4.3 General Convention	500.00	
		\$ 2,500.00

5. Interdenominational Relationships:

5.1 International Council of Religious Education	\$ 2,250.00	
5.2 World Sunday School Association	250.00	
5.3 Council of Church Boards	250.00	
5.4 John Milton Society	100.00	
5.5 Interdenominational Memberships and Meetings	500.00	
		\$ 3,350.00

6. Miscellaneous	1,500.00	
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Grand Total	\$50,000.00
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ANTICIPATED INCOME—CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BUDGET

Missions and Benevolence Appropriation	\$39,000.00
From invested Board funds	2,000.00
From Publishing House—for ICRE Membership, Lesson Royalty and Bible Text permits, and Lesson Help promotion in field	5,000.00
From Sunday School and Tract Union—service charge	100.00
From the Brotherhood for half time of Adult Director	2,500.00
From special gifts	1,400.00
Total	\$50,000.00

Note: For the first quadrennium, if necessary, the \$1,400.00 could be taken out of accumulated current reserve funds, or that portion of the amount not secured in gifts.

JOINT COMMITTEE ON MERGING COMMISSIONS ON EVANGELISM

Meeting of July 19, 1946

A Joint Meeting of Committees representing the Commissions on Evangelism of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ and the Evangelical Church was held in Cleveland, Ohio, on July 19, 1946. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m.

1. **The Committee was organized** by electing Dr. D. T. Gregory as chairman, and Dr. R. H. Mueller as secretary.

2. **The Roll Call** was made and the following representatives were present:
For the United Brethren Commission: Bishop A. R. Clippinger, Bishop Fred L. Dennis and Dr. D. T. Gregory.

For the Evangelical Commission: Bishop C. H. Stauffacher, Dr. C. L. Allen and Dr. R. H. Mueller.

Rev. R. M. Holdeman, Assistant to the Secretary of Evangelism of the Evangelical Church, was welcomed and received as an advisory member.

3. **The three Bishops present led in prayer** upon the request of the chairman.

4. **The purpose of the Meeting** was set forth as being to plan for the uniting of the two Commissions on Evangelism into the new Commission on Evangelism of The Evangelical United Brethren Church, as pertaining to program, budget and staff. Each committee had been authorized by its Commission to act on behalf of its Commission in these negotiations.

5. **The Promotional Program materials** of each of the Commissions were presented by the Secretaries of Evangelism. The printed pamphlets and Handbook of the Evangelical Kingdom Advance Program were distributed and explained, after which the United Brethren Program of Evangelism for 1946 was presented in printed form and explained.

6. **Using the materials of these two programs** the Joint Committee then proceeded to develop a united Program of Evangelism in the following areas:

- 6.1 Evangelism in the Denomination
- 6.2 Evangelism in the Annual Conference
- 6.3 Evangelism in the Local Church
- 6.4 Evangelism in the Community
- 6.5 Evangelism in the Institutions of Higher Education

7. **The Committee recessed for lunch** at 11:30 a.m. after having started on outlining the Program of Evangelism for the General Church and for the Annual Conference.

8. **Rev. R. M. Holdeman offered prayer** when the Committee reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

9. **The work of outlining the Program of Evangelism** for the Local Church, for the Community and for the Institutions of Higher Education was continued during most of the afternoon. Upon the completion of the various sections of this program it was approved with the understanding that the secretary should edit the Program outline as directed by the Joint Committee and submit it to the Committee members for review and approval. (See Program Outline attached.)

10. **It was voted that the "Proposed Plan of Action in Evangelism"** developed by the Federal Council of Churches and set forth under twelve divisions, should be included in this Program of Evangelism for the Evangelical United Brethren Church wherever the emphases will fit into our five areas.

11. **It was agreed that a Promotional Pamphlet should be produced** at the beginning of the quadrennium, setting forth the Program of Evangelism and also containing the Disciplinary and General Conference provisions for this work. The Constitution for the General Commission on Evangelism is to be explained, and suggestions for a Conference Commission on Evangelism constitution are to be included.

12. **It was voted that we recommend to the Joint Commissions on Church Federation and Union that the Headquarters Office of the Commission on Evangelism** be located in Dayton, Ohio, provided that satisfactory rental arrangements can be made at fair rental rates.

13. **The action of the Joint Committee on Uniting Boards of Christian Education**, taken in their meeting of June 13 and 14, 1946, was submitted for consideration as follows: "The Committee voted unanimously that we

recommend to the Joint Commissions on Church Federation and Union that the plan offered by the Evangelical Church representatives be approved, providing for relationships in staff and in such finances as affect staff members whose services may be shared, between the General Board of Christian Education and the General Commission on Evangelism, and affecting such co-operative office management and procedures as can effect savings, it being clearly understood, however, that the General Board of Christian Education and the General Commission on Evangelism are separate and distinct general church agencies, operating under separate budgets and under their respective programs and officers. This plan asks that the united General Conference shall through a special enabling act, provide legislation for one quadrennium, whereby the Executive Secretary of Christian Education shall be named the Associate General Secretary of Evangelism and the General Secretary of Evangelism shall be named the Associate Secretary of Christian Education, the sharing of time and salaries to be worked out by the two agencies involved. This arrangement will make it possible to keep program relationships between Christian Education and Evangelism, especially in the local churches, and to work out office and staff relationships that will enable these two agencies to operate within the missions and benevolence appropriations planned by the joint Budget Committee for them, upon the basis of the budgets that have been worked out."

After careful consideration of these recommendations it was voted that this Joint Committee on Uniting Commissions on Evangelism concur in them and vote approval of the recommendations as stated above, but that in the budget outline we express it as our position that the Executive Secretaries' salaries should be placed in full in the budget of the agency to which he has been elected by General Conference as the executive officer.

14. **The suggested budget prepared by the Secretary** on the basis of a \$12,000.00 appropriation from the General Missions and Benevolence budget as recommended by the Joint Budget Committee, and \$2,500.00 promised annually by the Joint Committee on Uniting Brotherhoods, was submitted for consideration. It was voted that this budget be approved in harmony with the action in Item 13. (See budget outline attached.)

15. **The Joint Committee adjourned.**

DR. D. T. GREGORY, *Chairman*;
DR. R. H. MUELLER, *Secretary*.

SUGGESTED BUDGET FOR THE COMMISSION ON EVANGELISM

The Evangelical United Brethren Church

1. Administration:

Salaries:

Executive Secretary	\$ 4,720.00
Associate Secretary (Salary paid by Board of Christian Education)	2,210.00
Assistant—half time	1,800.00
Office Secretary	270.00
Pension Fund	
	\$ 9,000.00

2. Office Operating Expenses:

Rent	\$ 500.00
Supplies and Work Forms	400.00
Postage	500.00
Equipment	100.00
Telephone and Telegraph	100.00
Office Insurance	15.00
Auditor's fee	25.00
Miscellaneous Office Expense	160.00
	\$ 1,800.00

3. Promotion:

Literature and Printing	\$ 1,000.00
Office Travel Fund	500.00
Lending Library	100.00
Conventions and Conferences	400.00
	\$ 2,000.00

4. Meetings:

Commission Meetings	\$ 500.00
Executive Committee Meetings	200.00
Interdenominational Meetings	200.00
	\$ 900.00

5. Miscellaneous

800.00

Grand Total \$14,500.00

Anticipated Income

From Missions and Benevolence Appropriation	\$12,000.00
From Brotherhood for Visitation Evangelism	2,500.00

Total \$14,500.00

PROGRAM OF EVANGELISM FOR 1947 FOR THE EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH

The primary task, and the ultimate task as well, of every local church and of every individual Christian is to make Jesus Christ known as Savior and Lord to the whole world. In the heart of it, and at the heart of it, lie three great basic convictions: (1) that man is absolutely and hopelessly lost and needs a Savior; (2) that Jesus Christ by the merits and mercies of his death, and the power of his resurrection, and his enthronement in heaven, is competent for every human need; and (3) that to the individual Christian, in the ministry and in the laity, is committed the responsibility and the glory of bringing human need and Divine sufficiency together.

The Program of Evangelism of The Evangelical United Brethren Church is designed to do its part in bringing these two together. It centers definitely in the historic beliefs and convictions of the communions that have united to form this new and larger Church. Our world is in desperate need today and we declare that Christ's redemptive grace alone can meet that need and that the Christian evangel is adequate to meet that need. The Christian church and its ministry provides the means for Christian Evangelism.

This Program of Evangelism has conserved all of the best elements of the respective programs of evangelism that were developed and promoted by the Commissions on Evangelism of the former Evangelical Church and the Church of the United Brethren in Christ. It also includes the emphases of the Plan of Action in Evangelism developed by the Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council of Churches and adopted by the special meeting of the Federal Council in 1946.

This Program of Evangelism is organized in five parts, as follows:

I. Evangelism in the Denomination

For intensifying the spirit of Evangelism throughout the church and promoting the evangelistic activities that will produce definite evangelistic results, we recommend the following:

1. A careful understanding of the duties of the General Commission on Evangelism as set forth in Paragraph 1466 of the Book of Discipline, Article IV of the Constitution for the General Commission: "The General Commission on Evangelism shall create an intelligent conception of, an interest in, and a passion for evangelism, and shall promote all types and phases of evangelism among Ministers and Laymen throughout the Church. It shall co-operate with other agencies of the Church in training Ministers and other leaders in evangelism, and shall create a literature to assist in the work of evangelism. It shall promote prayer, private devotions, and family worship, and encourage attendance upon, and participation in, the prayer and worship services of the local church. The General Commission on Evangelism is authorized to set up Standards for Evangelists to guide in the appointment of Annual Conference Evangelists." (Page 322.)

2. Co-operation in the denominational program of spiritual aims including the use of the slogan and the annual emphases: "Forward Together with Christ."

3. A Training Conference for Annual Conference Secretaries of Evangelism early in the new quadrennium.

4. Training Conferences for Bishops' Areas following the training conference for Secretaries of Evangelism, for Conference Superintendents, Secretaries of Stewardship, Directors of Christian Education.

5. A Training Conference for Evangelists during the quadrennium to acquaint them with our denominational program and standards of evangelism.

6. Church expansion and extension through Visitation Evangelism.

7. Revision of the Manuals on Visitation Evangelism and promotion of their widespread use.

8. Promotion of a program of guided Bible reading in co-operation with the Board of Christian Education, using the printed outlines published by that agency.

9. Establishment of uniform Communion Sundays for the entire denomination, including World Communion Sunday.

10. Development and publication of a denominational devotional quarterly that shall be aimed at ministering to the spiritual needs of the whole family.

11. Publication of a series of evangelistic tracts, including the transfer of such tracts from the Sunday School and Tract Union to the Commission on Evangelism.

12. Development and administration of a standard for qualifying evangelists from without the denomination for recommendation for service within the denomination.

13. Development of plans for a Lending Library in Evangelism, either through the General Commission on Evangelism (the Evangelical plan), or through the Theological Seminaries in co-operation with the Commission (the U. B. plan).

14. Development of a plan for seeking and securing Life Work Recruits, in co-operation with other general church agencies, by a constant program of commitment to definite Christian service and of preparation in our institutions of higher education.

15. Determination concerning what promotional literature of the former

denominations should be carried over, what should be devised, and what should be discontinued.

16. Preparation of a suggestive constitution for Annual Conference Commissions on Evangelism in harmony with Paragraph 1472 of the Book of Discipline.

17. Co-operation with the Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council of Churches in the interdenominational program of evangelism.

II. Evangelism in the Annual Conference

For promoting and intensifying the spirit of evangelism throughout our Annual Conferences, we recommend the following:

1. That every Annual Conference shall have a Commission on Evangelism in harmony with Paragraph 1472 of the Book of Discipline, which states: "There shall be a Commission on Evangelism in the Annual Conference to be known as the Conference Commission on Evangelism, to promote and direct the work of evangelism throughout the Annual Conference. The Conference Commission on Evangelism shall consist of the Bishop, the Conference Superintendent or Superintendents, and such other persons as the Annual Conference may elect; the elected members shall be chosen for the quadrennium. The Conference Commission on Evangelism shall elect for the quadrennium from among its members a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, and a Secretary-Treasurer, whose duties shall be those that usually pertain to these offices. The Conference Commission on Evangelism shall adopt such By-Laws to govern its meetings, finances and activities, as may be approved by the Annual Conference. The Conference Commission on Evangelism is amenable to the Annual Conference to which it shall report annually. It shall also report annually to the General Commission on Evangelism."

2. That the Conference Commissions on Evangelism shall operate under the following directions:

2.1. It is the duty of the Conference Commission on Evangelism to be responsible for planning and carrying forward the program of evangelism as outlined in the denomination and as promoted under the denominational spiritual aims slogan: "Forward Together with Christ."

2.2. It is the duty of the Conference Commission on Evangelism to co-operate with other Annual Conference Boards and Agencies in promoting evangelism, such as the Board of Christian Education, the Board of Missions, the Council of Administration and the Commission on Christian Social Action.

2.3. It is the duty of the Conference Commission on Evangelism to assist pastors needing help in planning their evangelistic program for the year; and pastors desiring outside help should confer with the Conference Commission, which in turn will take up the matter with the General Commission relative to the type of assistance desired.

2.4. It is the duty of the Conference Commission on Evangelism to urge and encourage pastors to be their own evangelists wherever possible; and also to encourage mutual pastoral exchange in evangelistic endeavors where such seems practicable.

3. At each Annual Conference session a period shall be set aside for promoting and emphasizing evangelism, with a message on evangelism, under the direction of the Conference Commission on Evangelism. In Conferences of large geographical area and few charges, there should also be included periods for instruction in evangelistic program and methods, if special evangelistic training conferences cannot be held at other times of the year.

4. In each Annual Conference the Commission on Evangelism shall plan and conduct a Spiritual Retreat or Coaching Conference in Evangelism, during the year, for ministers. The purpose of such training institutes shall be to deepen the spiritual life of the church, and to stir to soul-winning passion the members of the church, and to instruct them in methods of soul-winning, especially in the field of lay visitation evangelism. In cases where

long travel distances in a Conference make it advisable, this may be done in connection with the sessions of the Annual Conference. District or Group retreats or Coaching Conferences should also be planned and conducted, for carrying the inspiration and instruction gathered in the Conference institute to a group of laymen who are in leadership in the local churches, such as the Sunday-school superintendent, Brotherhood president, Woman's Society of World Service president, Youth Fellowship president, and the department heads and teachers of the Sunday school.

5. The Conference Commission on Evangelism, in co-operation with the Conference Superintendent or Superintendents, shall arrange to assist every minister in his evangelistic program where such help is needed.

6. A Local Church Retreat or Coaching Conference for promoting evangelism shall be sponsored by the Conference Commission on Evangelism for the purpose of conveying to all the leaders and officials of the local church the inspiration and instruction obtained at the Conference and District or Group institutes.

7. The Conference Commission on Evangelism shall lead the Conference in co-operating in approved interdenominational programs of evangelism on state or provincial levels.

8. The Conference Commission on Evangelism shall co-operate with the General Commission in developing Standards for Evangelists who are to be granted Conference relationships as evangelists under appointment.

9. The Conference Commission on Evangelism shall co-operate with the General Commission in promoting prayer, private devotions, and family worship, and in encouraging attendance upon, and participation in, the prayer and worship services of the Local Church.

III. Evangelism in the Local Church

For promoting the work of evangelism in and through the Local Church and its agencies, we recommend the following:

1. The Council of Administration of the Local Church shall appoint a Committee on Evangelism in harmony with Paragraphs 568 and 1473 of the Book of Discipline, as follows: "There shall be a Committee of Evangelism of the Local Church, consisting of the Minister, who is the Evangelist-in-chief in his Church, and such other persons as are elected annually by the Church Council of Administration, having been nominated by the Minister. This Committee shall study in all their phases the evangelistic responsibility and opportunity of the Local Church and shall report its findings, together with recommendations, to the Church Council of Administration, to which it is amenable."

2. The Church Committee on Evangelism shall be the channel to the local church for the Program of Evangelism of the denomination and the Annual Conference. It shall build and promote a local church program of evangelism for each year.

3. The Church Committee on Evangelism shall see to it that every organization or agency of the local church is brought into active participation in the program of evangelism.

4. Early in every conference year, every local church shall arrange for an evangelistic planning conference under the direction of the Church Committee on Evangelism, for the minister, the class leaders, the Sunday-school officers and teachers and other Christian workers in the local church.

5. An every-member visitation should be made during the period just before the last Sunday in September, to culminate in a Roll Call observance on World-Wide Communion Sunday, or the succeeding Sunday when necessary, and to give emphasis to church attendance during that period. Promotional materials are to be provided through the General and Conference Commissions on Evangelism.

6. During each year the minister shall conduct classes in evangelism and evangelistic methods, on every charge, seeking to reach Sunday-school officers and teachers, heads of organizations and other Christian workers. The

best periods for this purpose are in early fall or in spring before Lent. Such training periods should be followed by public revival or evangelistic services or visitation evangelism campaigns which enlist the participation of the Sunday school and the youth and adult organizations of the church.

7. The minister should be his own preaching evangelist wherever possible. Where outside assistance seems desirable, there should be a mutual exchange of assistance between pastors. If the aid of an evangelist is desired the recommendation of the Conference or General Commissions on Evangelism shall be secured before making such arrangements. (See "So You Want an Evangelist," pamphlet.)

8. The Lenten period is to be given over to special emphasis for visitation evangelism, followed by Holy Week services. Every minister should organize and train teams of lay workers to visit the community in personal evangelistic endeavor. The minister shall also conduct classes in church membership during this period, and the Sunday-school teachers shall give definite emphasis to the evangelistic presentation of the Sunday-school lessons, and a Decision Day shall be planned and carried out to harvest the results of these efforts.

9. The Conference Commission on Evangelism shall keep in contact with each minister during the year, regarding the number of conversions on the charges. If no conversions are reported, the Conference Commission shall offer assistance to the ministers of such charges in an effort to win souls to Christ before the close of the Annual Conference year.

10. Every minister shall plan with his local church Committee on Evangelism for a church fellowship meeting of a social character at which the new members received during the previous twelve months shall be guests of honor. The purpose of such a social gathering shall be to build the fellowship life of the church.

11. Parents are to be impressed that there can be no substitute for the home, and that no one can take the place of mother or father as Christian teachers. Therefore in every local church there shall be a program for enrolling every family for family devotions and for cultivating regular attendance of the family at public worship in the church. Suitable literature for use in conducting family worship, that nurtures the spiritual growth of children and young people as well as adults, shall be provided or recommended for use. Particular attention should be paid to meeting the needs of young adults and new home makers and young parents.

12. Since the ultimate goal of the entire church program is Christian Evangelism, there must be an urgent evangelistic emphasis, in all that is done, on public and private prayer, centered upon definite evangelistic objectives. In all this the Committee on Evangelism shall seek to co-operate with all other agencies in the local church.

13. In all the work of Evangelism, every church should be constantly on the alert seeking young people, through Life Work Enlistment or public commitment services, to enlist for definite full-time Christian service and to prepare for such service in our institutions of higher education.

14. A definite program of guidance in Bible reading should be promoted in every local church through the Committee on Evangelism, as recommended and promoted by the General and the Conference Commissions.

IV. Evangelism in the Community

For promoting the work of evangelism and reaching the unsaved in the community the following recommendations are given:

1. Whenever necessary for knowing community conditions a careful survey is to be made at a time agreed upon to meet the immediate needs of the program of the local church. Wherever possible, such surveys should be made on an interdenominational community basis, and not too frequently to destroy their real value. Prospects thus secured should immediately be visited by the Sunday-school leaders and friendly visitation program of the church to prepare them for future visitation evangelism contacts.

2. A well-balanced program of outreach into the community shall be developed, with diversified methods in order that it may bring results in definite commitments to Christ and entrance into his Church.

3. Our churches and ministers should co-operate with the programs of evangelism sponsored by the Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council of Churches and by the various State, County and City Councils or Federations of Churches with which they are associated. We should avail ourselves of their literature, speakers and institutes and training conferences in evangelism.

4. Our churches and ministers should co-operate heartily with the National Christian Teaching Mission in its evangelistic church school enlargement program, as a means of building attendance at and participation in our Sunday schools, and to enlarge the evangelistic spirit of our people in giving enlarged service to the community and supplying more and better materials for this Christian work.

5. Our churches should utilize trained and selected and consecrated workers among our laymen for visitation evangelism, with emphasis upon winning men to a real experience of religion and to membership in the local church.

6. Our churches should increase their efforts to promote clean living in all phases of individual, home and social and civic life in the community.

7. There are various groups within our national and community life that are often overlooked in our evangelism. They need the gospel and need it desperately because of their difficult situations. Some of these groups are: prisoners, migrants, and the sick in our hospitals. Our program of evangelism should aim also to meet their spiritual needs.

8. The churches have not yet found ways to use the modern means of communication for the spread of the gospel. The unchurched of America cannot be reached in any adequate way unless the Church uses those means which mold men's convictions: the motion pictures, the radio, television, the drama, the press, popular literature and the whole field of organized advertising. These too should come within the plans for our community outreach for Christ and his Church.

V. Evangelism in Our Institutions of Education

Recognizing the important position of our educational institutions in the work of the Church, and recognizing the importance of a proper evangelistic emphasis in and through the work of these institutions, we make the following recommendations:

1. *With reference to our Seminaries* we express our appreciation and commendation of their present procedures whereby each student is required to take the prescribed course in Evangelism. In addition thereto we urge that the Seminaries arrange for some program whereby ministerial students can be given practical experience in all phases of evangelism such as actual participation in visitation evangelism, a program of supervised evangelistic preaching, and the organization and promotion of public evangelistic or revival meetings. We also urge that each Seminary co-operate with the General Commission on Evangelism in holding a three-day Seminar in Evangelism at a suitable time during each year; and co-operate with the evangelistic retreats of the Annual Conferences.

2. *With reference to the Colleges*, and with an appreciation of the position our colleges have for influencing and molding proper attitudes toward the church and its work in winning persons to Christ, we submit the following recommendations:

2.1. That the colleges emphasize the importance of all faculty members being acquainted with the doctrines and ideals of our Church and be urged to give their full co-operation in these matters.

2.2. That each college have at least one week of Spiritual emphasis and that it seek the counsel of the General Commission on Evangelism with regard to program and speakers for these services.

2.3. That the colleges arrange with the respective Annual Conferences to see that all pre-theological students attend the nearest Conference Evangelism Training Conference each year.

3. *With reference to our benevolent homes* in which scores of young people are gathered, not only for physical nurture and protection but for spiritual guidance as well, we offer the following:

3.1. That the work of daily devotions and the program of religious instruction as now promoted by the officials in our benevolent homes be continued under proper guidance and leadership.

3.2. That adequate plans be made for special evangelistic periods during the year by which opportunity shall be given for decisions and commitments to the Christian life.

4. *With reference to our Publishing Interests* and the wide scope of influence constantly maintained thereby, we offer the following:

4.1. That the editors of our Sunday-school literature give diligence to see that evangelistic helps be given our Sunday-school teachers in connection with the lessons week by week.

4.2 That all editors give diligence to see that due emphasis is given to the work of evangelism in and through the columns of our publications throughout the year.

PERSONAL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ALTERATIONS IN THE DISCIPLINE IN THE CHAPTER ON EVANGELISM OR TO BE ADOPTED AS BY-LAWS

PLAN I

CHAPTER XIII

EVANGELISM

SECTION I

General Statement

1. *Purpose of Evangelism.*

The primary and ultimate task of every local church and every individual Christian is to make Jesus Christ known in all the world as Savior, and Lord in all areas of life. Christian evangelism seeks to bring about a genuine decision and commitment of life to Christ as a crucified, risen and complete Savior. All men are lost and need Christ's redemptive grace and he is fully adequate to meet their deepest needs. The responsibility and the glory of bringing human need and divine sufficiency together rests upon every individual Christian in the ministry and in the laity.

2. *Responsibility and Supervision.*

Evangelism is the task of the whole Church. Every Minister, Department, Agency, Local Church, and member of The Evangelical United Brethren Church, is responsible for its accomplishment. The program and work of evangelism, as directed by the General Conference, shall be under the supervision of the General Commission on Evangelism, which shall promote and direct the work of evangelism throughout the Church.

3. *Relation to Christian Education.*

A. Evangelism and Christian Education are two aspects of one task. Their ultimate goal is the same. Therefore, there shall be maintained throughout the church an intimate relationship between the programs of Evangelism and Christian Education. There shall be a close relationship between the General Commission on Evangelism and the General Board of Christian Education and also between Conference Commissions on Evangelism and Conference Boards of Christian Education. There shall be an integration of the programs of Evangelism into Christian Education in each age group and in all the work of Christian Education. Evangelism shall be made to undergird the total program of Christian Education so that our Sunday

schools, Youth Fellowships, summer assemblies, training camps, colleges, seminaries, vacation church schools and all other educational agencies of the Church shall be permeated with an evangelistic spirit and shall plan for definite evangelistic results.

In order to integrate evangelism into the programs of the age groups of Christian Education, namely: Children, Young People and Adults, the General Secretary of Evangelism shall be a member of each age-group committee which develops the program of Christian Education for that age group.

B. During the first quadrennium of the united Church the above close relationship between Evangelism and Christian Education shall be fostered by the General Secretary of the Board of Christian Education and the General Secretary of the Commission on Evangelism, each being the Associate General Secretary of the other department. Each department is thus to benefit from the experience of both general secretaries. Each General Secretary is to be recognized as the leader in his particular field, but is to re-enforce the other as opportunity may arise. Neither secretary is to carry major responsibility for a particular department in the other field but is to render service in the total program.

C. There shall be established between the Board of Christian Education and the Commission on Evangelism such relationships in staff and in such finances as effect staff members whose services may be shared, and such co-operative office management and procedures as can effect savings. It is clearly understood, however, that the General Board of Christian Education and the Commission on Evangelism are separate and distinct general Church agencies, operating under separate budgets and under their respective programs and officers.

4. *Relation to the Council of Administration.*

Evangelism is also related to the work of the Council of Administration. This relationship between evangelism and the Council of Administration is to put evangelism at the heart of the stewardship and the financial programs of the Church. Unless the spirit of evangelism pervades Christian stewardship it will fail and the financial goals of the Church lacking sufficient evangelistic motivation will likewise fail.

The General Secretary of the Council of Administration shall be a member of the Commission on Evangelism. There shall be created in the Council of Administration a standing committee on evangelism of which the General Secretary of Evangelism shall be chairman. Through this committee the evangelistic work of the Commission on Evangelism and the Council of Administration shall be co-ordinated and the spirit of evangelism be made a basic factor in the work of the Council of Administration.

5. *Relation to Missions.*

Evangelism is also related to the work of missions since all missionary work is essentially evangelistic. The "go ye" of the gospel is a commission to evangelize. The Commission on Evangelism is especially responsible to help create an evangelistic spirit and program in our home mission churches. To this end there shall be a standing committee on evangelism in the Department of Church Extension of the Mission Board of which the General Secretary of Evangelism shall be an advisory member. Through this committee the program of evangelism of the Commission on Evangelism shall be made effective in our home mission churches.

The Commission on Evangelism shall co-operate with the Board of Missions in providing literature and in other ways helping develop and promote a program of evangelism in our mission fields.

6. *Relation to Institutions of Christian Higher Education.*

Evangelism and Christian higher education have the same ultimate objective of extending the gospel of Christ. Therefore, our theological Seminaries shall co-operate with the Commission on Evangelism in holding in each Seminary a three-day seminar on evangelism at a suitable time during each year. The Seminaries shall likewise co-operate when practicable with evangelistic retreats in annual conferences.

Each of our colleges shall use only faculty members who are acquainted and in sympathy with the doctrines and ideals of our Church. Each college shall have at least one week of spiritual emphasis each year and seek the counsel of the General Commission on Evangelism about program and speakers for these services. Colleges shall announce to and urge all pre-theological students to attend the nearest conference Evangelism Training Conference each year.

7. *Relation to Our Benevolent Homes.*

Each benevolent home in The Evangelical United Brethren Church shall not only provide daily devotions for its children and young people, but plans shall be made each year for a special evangelistic period with opportunity given for decisions and commitments to the Christian life.

8. *Relation to Our Publishing Interests.*

The editors of our Sunday school literature shall co-operate with the General Commission on Evangelism in providing evangelistic helps to our Sunday school teachers in connection with the lessons week by week. All teachers of the church shall give diligence in co-operating with the General Commission on Evangelism and on their own initiative to see that due emphasis is given to the work of evangelism in and through the columns of our publications throughout the year.

9. *Relation to Interdenominational Agencies.*

The Commission on Evangelism shall co-operate with the Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in the interdenominational programs of evangelism.

SECTION II

The General Commission

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of this Commission shall be the Commission on Evangelism of The Evangelical United Brethren Church.

ARTICLE II. MEMBERSHIP AND PURPOSE

There shall be a General Commission on Evangelism to promote and direct the work of evangelism throughout the Church. Its members shall be the active Bishops, the Executive Secretary of the Council of Administration, an Executive Secretary of the Board of Missions elected by the Board of Missions, the Executive Secretary of the Board of Christian Education, an Editor elected by the Editors, and three Ministers, and two Lay Members, one of whom shall be a woman, elected by the General Conference on nomination of the Committee of Evangelism.

This Commission is to continue the work of the Commission on Evangelism of the Evangelical Church in connection with its Board of Christian Education and the program of evangelism as promoted by the Board of Bishops of the United Brethren Church under the leadership of the Board of Administration and its Executive Secretary.

ARTICLE III. ORGANIZATION

The general secretary of the Commission on Evangelism elected by the General Conference shall convene the Commission for purposes of organization and other necessary business at the time and place of the meeting of the General Conference.

The Commission on Evangelism shall elect for the quadrennium from among its members a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, and a Treasurer, who shall be the General Church Treasurer. The officers shall perform those duties that usually pertain to such offices. There shall be a General Secretary of the Commission on Evangelism elected by the General Conference for the quadrennium. He shall be the executive officer of the Commission and serve as its secretary. He shall be responsible for the general direction of the work of evangelism in the denomination. He shall acquaint himself with the best approved methods of evangelism and bring them to the attention of The Evangelical United Brethren Church. He shall make an annual report

on evangelism to the Commission on Evangelism and a quadrennial report to the General Conference. He shall also make an annual report on evangelism to both the Board of Christian Education and the Council of Administration of The Evangelical United Brethren Church. In connection with these annual reports to the Board of Christian Education and the Council of Administration, he shall offer recommendations as to how these Boards can best re-enforce the work of evangelism in the denomination. In like manner he shall convey to the Commission on Evangelism any recommendations these Boards may wish to make bearing on the work of evangelism in the denomination as it relates to the work of these Boards.

He shall keep an accurate record of the meetings of the Board and other activities and administer the various phases of the work coming under its supervision as may be developed and adopted.

ARTICLE IV. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

There shall be an executive committee consisting of seven members of the Commission. It shall include the chairman of the Board, the General Secretary of the Commission and its treasurer, the executive secretary of Christian Education, the executive secretary of the Council of Administration, and a minister and a layman both of whom are members of the Board.

ARTICLE V. MEETINGS

The Commission on Evangelism shall meet annually at the time and place designated by the Commission. Special meetings may be held at the call of the Commission, or of the Chairman and the Secretary.

ARTICLE VI. DUTIES

The General Commission on Evangelism shall create an intelligent conception of, an interest in, and a passion for evangelism, and shall promote all types and phases of evangelism among ministers and laymen throughout the Church. It shall co-operate with other agencies of the Church in training ministers and other leaders in evangelism, and shall create a literature to assist in the work of evangelism. It shall promote prayer, private devotions, and family worship, and encourage attendance upon, and participation in, the prayer and worship services of the local church. The General Commission on Evangelism is authorized to set up Standards for Evangelists to guide in the appointment of Annual Conference evangelists.

The General Commission on Evangelism is hereby authorized to convene the secretaries of the Conference Commissions on Evangelism at a central place once or more each quadrennium, as may seem wise. The purpose of such a gathering shall be to train the conference secretaries in their duties and receive from them recommendations as to the evangelistic program of the denomination. When practicable travel expenses shall be equalized among the conferences as far as possible.

The General Commission on Evangelism is also authorized to convene all denominational evangelists during the quadrennium to acquaint them with our denominational program and standards of evangelism.

ARTICLE VII. INTERDENOMINATIONAL REPRESENTATION

Representation in Departments of Evangelism of interdenominational agencies shall be determined by the Commission on Evangelism.

ARTICLE VIII. FINANCES

The financial support of the General Commission on Evangelism shall be derived from the General Missions and Benevolence Budget of The Evangelical United Brethren Church, and such special offerings as may come to the Commission from time to time. When special evangelistic missions are conducted or special projects undertaken by the Commission, free-will offerings shall be received toward defraying the expenses of such missions or projects.

ARTICLE IX. AMENABILITY

The General Commission on Evangelism is amenable to the General Conference to which it shall report and submit the record of its proceedings.

ARTICLE X. BY-LAWS

The Commission may adopt By-Laws consistent with the Constitution.

ARTICLE XI. AMENDMENTS

This Constitution can be amended only by the General Conference.

SECTION III**The Conference Commission****ARTICLE I. MEMBERSHIP**

There shall be a Commission on Evangelism in the Annual Conference to be known as the Conference Commission on Evangelism, to promote and direct the work of evangelism throughout the Annual Conference. The Conference Commission on Evangelism shall consist of the Bishop, the Conference Superintendent or Superintendents, and such other persons as the Annual Conference may elect; the elected members shall be chosen for the quadrennium.

ARTICLE II. ORGANIZATION

The Conference Commission on Evangelism shall elect for the quadrennium from among its members a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, and a Secretary-Treasurer, whose duties shall be those that usually pertain to these offices. The Conference Commission on Evangelism shall adopt such By-Laws to govern its meetings, finances, and activities, as may be approved by the Annual Conference. The Conference Commission on Evangelism is amenable to the Annual Conference to which it shall report annually. It shall also report annually to the General Commission on Evangelism.

ARTICLE III. RESPONSIBILITY

1. The Conference Commission on Evangelism shall plan and carry forward the program of evangelism as outlined in the denomination and as promoted under the denominational spiritual aims slogan.

2. The Conference Commission on Evangelism shall co-operate with other Annual Conference Boards and Agencies in promoting evangelism, such as the Board of Christian Education, the Board of Missions, the Council of Administration and the Commission on Christian Social Action.

3. The Conference Commission on Evangelism shall assist pastors needing help in planning their evangelistic program for the year. Pastors desiring outside help shall confer with the Conference Commission, which in turn will take up the matter with the General Commission relative to the type of assistance desired.

4. The Conference Commission on Evangelism shall encourage pastors to be their own evangelists wherever possible; and also shall encourage mutual pastoral exchange in evangelistic endeavors where such seems practicable.

At each Annual Conference session a period shall be set aside for promoting and emphasizing evangelism, with a message on evangelism, under the direction of the Conference Commission on Evangelism. In Conferences of large geographical area and few charges, there shall also be included periods for instruction in evangelistic program and methods, if special evangelistic training conferences cannot be held at other times in the year.

In each Annual Conference the Commission on Evangelism shall plan and conduct a Spiritual Retreat or Coaching Conference in Evangelism, during the year, for ministers. The purpose of such training institutes shall be to deepen the spiritual life of the church, and to stir to soul-winning passion the members of the church, and to instruct them in methods of soul-winning, especially in the field of lay visitation evangelism. In cases where long travel distances in a Conference make it advisable, this may be done in connection with the sessions of the Annual Conference. District or Group retreats or Coaching Conferences should also be planned and conducted for carrying the inspiration and instruction gathered in the Conference institute to a group of laymen who are in leadership in the local churches, such as the Sunday school superintendent, Brotherhood president, Women's Society

of World Service president, Youth Fellowship president, and the department heads and teachers of the Sunday school.

The Conference Commission on Evangelism, in co-operation with the Conference Superintendent or Superintendents, shall arrange to assist every minister in his evangelistic program where such help is needed.

A Local Church Retreat or Coaching Conference for promoting evangelism shall be sponsored by the Conference Commission on Evangelism for the purpose of conveying to all the leaders and officials of the local church the inspiration and instruction obtained at the Conference and District or Group institutes.

The Conference Commission on Evangelism shall lead the Conference in co-operating in approved interdenominational programs of evangelism on state or provincial levels.

The Conference Commission on Evangelism shall co-operate with the General Commission in developing Standards for Evangelists who are to be granted Conference relationships as evangelists under appointment.

The Conference Commission on Evangelism shall co-operate with the General Commission in promoting prayer, private devotions, and family worship, and in encouraging attendance upon, and participation in, the prayer and worship services of the Local Church.

ARTICLE IV. FINANCES

Each Annual Conference Commission on Evangelism shall have allocated to it by the Annual Conference an amount of money sufficient to meet the needs of carrying out the program of evangelism which has been approved by the Annual Conference.

SECTION IV

The Local Committee on Evangelism

ARTICLE I. ORGANIZATION AND MEMBERSHIP

There shall be a Committee on Evangelism of the Local Church, consisting of the Minister, who is the Evangelist-in-Chief in his Church, and such other persons as are elected annually by the Church Council of Administration, having been nominated by the Minister. This Committee shall study in all their phases the evangelistic responsibility and opportunity of the Local Church and shall report its findings, together with recommendations, to the Church Council of Administration, to which it is amenable.

ARTICLE II. RESPONSIBILITY

The Church Committee on Evangelism shall be the channel to the local church for the Program of Evangelism of the denomination and the Annual Conference. It shall build and promote a local church program of evangelism for each year.

The Church Committee on Evangelism shall see to it that every organization or agency of the local church is brought into active participation in the program of evangelism.

Early in each conference year, each local church shall arrange for an evangelistic planning conference under the direction of the Church Committee on Evangelism, for the minister, the class leaders, the Sunday school officers and teachers and other Christian workers in the local church.

An every-member visitation should be made during the period just before the last Sunday in September, to culminate in a Roll Call observance on World Wide Communion Sunday, or the succeeding Sunday when necessary, and to give emphasis to church attendance during that period. Promotional materials are to be provided through the General and Conference Commissions on Evangelism.

During each year the minister shall conduct classes in evangelism and evangelistic methods, on every charge, seeking to reach Sunday school officers and teachers, heads of organizations and other Christian workers. The best periods for this purpose are in early fall or in spring before Lent. Such

training periods should be followed by public revival or evangelistic services or visitation evangelism campaigns which enlist the participation of the Sunday school and the youth and adult organization of the church.

The minister shall be his own preaching evangelist wherever possible. Where outside assistance seems desirable, there shall be a mutual exchange of assistance between pastors. If the aid of an evangelist is desired the recommendation of the Conference or General Commission on Evangelism shall be secured before making such arrangements.

The Lenten period is to be given over to special emphasis for visitation evangelism, followed by Holy Week services. Every minister should organize and train teams of lay workers to visit the community in personal evangelistic endeavor. The minister shall also conduct classes in church membership during this period, and the Sunday school teachers shall give definite emphasis to the evangelistic presentation of the Sunday school lessons, and a Decision Day shall be planned and carried out to harvest the results of these efforts.

The Conference Commission on Evangelism shall keep in contact with each minister during the year, regarding the number of conversions on the charges. If no conversions are reported, the Conference Commission shall offer assistance to the ministers of such charges in an effort to win souls to Christ before the close of the Annual Conference year.

Every minister shall plan with his local church Committee on Evangelism for a church fellowship meeting of a social character at which the new members received during the previous twelve months shall be guests of honor. The purpose of such a social gathering shall be to build the fellowship life of the church.

In all the work of Evangelism, every church shall be constantly on the alert seeking young people, through Life Work Enlistment or public commitment services, to enlist for definite full-time Christian service and to prepare for such service in our institutions of higher education.

A definite program of guidance in Bible reading shall be promoted in every local church through the Committee on Evangelism, as recommended and promoted by the General and the Conference Commissions.

The local Commission on Evangelism shall co-operate with any authorized community survey and immediately take steps to visit prospects thus secured and also to enlist Sunday school leaders in such visitation. The commission shall co-operate with interdenominational programs of evangelism sponsored by the Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council of Churches and Associated Councils or Federations of Churches. It shall co-operate heartily with the National Christian Teaching Mission in its evangelistic program and with other similar movements.

The local commission shall select and train consecrated laymen for visitation evangelism. It shall promote efforts for clean living in all phases of individual, home, social and civic life in the community. It shall do everything possible to help reach with the gospel such groups as prisoners, migrants, and the sick in our hospitals. It should likewise use such effective means of spreading the gospel as motion pictures, the radio, television, the drama, the press, popular literature and proper advertising as occasion may make possible.

There can be no substitute for the home. No one can take the place of mother or father as Christian teachers. Therefore in every local church there shall be a program for enrolling every family for family devotions and for cultivating regular attendance of the family at public worship in the church. The local Commission on Evangelism shall use the literature provided for family worship getting it into the homes of the church and otherwise stimulating the nurture and spiritual growth of children, young people and adults through home religious influences.

ARTICLE III. FINANCES

The Council of Administration of the local church shall make an annual appropriation to the Committee on Evangelism such as it deems necessary

to carry on a successful program of evangelism. This shall include money for literature or other items of expense as well as outside evangelistic help where such is considered advisable.

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PLAN II

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Additions to Chapter XIII on "Evangelism"

Page 321, Discipline of The Evangelical United Brethren Church

Page 321. Renumber all articles.

Page 321. P1461 under "Preamble" at the end of the fourth line add the words: "the program of evangelism, as directed by the General Conference, shall be under the supervision of the General Commission on Evangelism, which shall promote and direct the work of evangelism throughout the church."

Also add an additional paragraph as follows: "The primary and ultimate task of every local church and every individual Christian is to make Jesus Christ known in all the world as Savior, and Lord in all areas of life. Christian evangelism seeks to bring about a genuine decision and commitment of life to Christ as a crucified, risen and complete Savior. All men are lost and need Christ's redemptive grace and he is fully adequate to meet their deepest needs. The responsibility and the glory of bringing human need and divine sufficiency together rests upon every individual Christian in the ministry and in the laity."

Page 321. Add an article numbered I as follows: "The name of the Commission shall be the Commission on Evangelism of The Evangelical United Brethren Church."

Page 321. P1462 in line seven add the words, "The executive secretary of the Council of Administration."

Page 321. P1463. For this article substitute the following:

ORGANIZATION

The general secretary of the Commission on Evangelism elected by the General Conference shall convene the Commission for purpuss of organization and other necessary business at the time and place of the meeting of the General Conference.

The Commission on Evangelism shall elect for the quadrennium from among its members a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, and a Treasurer, who shall be the General Church Treasurer. The officers shall perform those duties that usually pertain to such offices. There shall be a General Secretary of the Commission on Evangelism elected by the General Conference for the quadrennium. He shall be the executive officer of the Commission and serve as its secretary. He shall be responsible for the general direction of the work of evangelism in the denomination. He shall acquaint himself with the best approved methods of evangelism and bring them to the attention of The Evangelical United Brethren Church. He shall make an annual report on evangelism to the Commission on Evangelism and a quadrennial report to the General Conference. He shall also make an annual report on evangelism to both the Board of Christian Education and the Council of Administration of The Evangelical United Brethren Church. In connection with these annual reports to the Board of Christian Education and the Council of Administration, he shall offer recommendations as to how these Boards can best re-enforce the work of evangelism in the denomination. In like manner he shall convey to the Commission on Evangelism any recommendations these Boards may wish to make bearing on the work of evangelism in the denomination as it relates to the work of these Boards.

"He shall keep an accurate record of the meetings of the Board and other activities and administer the various phases of the work coming under its supervision as may be developed and adopted."

Page 322. Add an article entitled "The Executive Committee," as follows:

"There shall be an executive committee consisting of eight members of the Commission. It shall include the chairman and vice-chairman of the Commission, the General Secretary of the Commission and its treasurer, the executive secretary of Christian Education, the executive secretary of the Council of Administration, and a minister and a layman both of whom are members of the Board."

Page 322. P1468 in the fourth line add these words: "and such special offerings as may come to the Commission from time to time. When special evangelistic missions are conducted or special projects undertaken by the Commission, free-will offerings shall be received toward defraying the expenses of such missions or projects."

Page 322 add a new paragraph entitled, "Relation to Christian Education," as follows:

"A. Evangelism and Christian Education are two aspects of one task. Their ultimate goal is the same. Therefore, there shall be maintained throughout the Church an intimate relationship between the programs of Evangelism and Christian Education. There shall be a close relationship between the General Commission on Evangelism and the General Board of Christian Education and also between Conference Commissions on Evangelism and Conference Boards of Christian Education. There shall be an integration of the programs of Evangelism into Christian Education in each age group and in all the work of Christian Education. Evangelism shall be made to undergird the total program of Christian Education so that our Sunday schools, Youth Fellowships, summer assemblies, training camps, colleges, seminaries, vacation church schools and all other educational agencies of the Church shall be permeated with an evangelistic spirit and shall plan for definite evangelistic results.

"In order to integrate evangelism into the programs of the age groups of Christian Education, namely: Children, Young People and Adults, the General Secretary of Evangelism shall be a member of each age-group committee which develops the program of Christian Education for that age group.

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"Evangelism is also related to the work of the Council of Administration. This relationship between evangelism and the Council of Administration is to put evangelism at the heart of the stewardship and the financial programs of the Church. Unless the spirit of evangelism pervades Christian stewardship it will fail and the financial goals of the Church lacking sufficient evangelistic motivation will likewise fail.

"The General Secretary of the Council of Administration shall be a member of the Commission on Evangelism. Through a standing committee on

evangelism of the Council of Administration of which the General Secretary of Evangelism is a member, the evangelistic work of the Commission on Evangelism and the Council of Administration shall be co-ordinated and the spirit of evangelism be made a basic factor in the work of the Council of Administration."

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"Evangelism is also related to the work of missions since all missionary work is essentially evangelistic. The 'go ye' of the gospel is a commission to evangelize. The Commission on Evangelism is especially responsible to help create an evangelistic spirit and program in our home mission churches. Through a standing committee on evangelism in the Department of Church Extension of the Mission Board of which the General Secretary of Evangelism shall be an advisory member, the program of evangelism shall be made effective in our home mission churches.

"The Commission on Evangelism shall co-operate with the Board of Missions in providing literature and in other ways helping develop and promote a program of evangelism in our mission fields."

Page 323 add a paragraph entitled "Relation to Interdenominational Agencies," as follows:

"The Commission on Evangelism shall co-operate with the Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in the interdenominational program of evangelism." Representation in Departments of Evangelism of interdenominational agencies shall be determined by the Commission on Evangelism."

Page 323 at bottom of page add a paragraph under "The Conference Commission on Finances," as follows:

"Each Annual Conference Commission on Evangelism shall have allocated to it by the Annual Conference an amount of money sufficient to meet the needs of carrying out the program of evangelism which has been approved by the Annual Conference."

Page 324 add a paragraph under "The Local Committee on Evangelism," as follows:

"The Council of Administration of the local church shall make an annual appropriation to the Committee on Evangelism such as it deems necessary to carry on a successful program of evangelism. This shall include money for literature or other items of expense as well as outside evangelistic help where such is considered advisable."

BY-LAWS

Adopt as by-laws the report on program of the Joint Committees on Evangelism which met in Cleveland, July 19, under the heading:

"PROGRAM OF EVANGELISM FOR 1947."

DR. O. T. DEEVER, *Dayton, Ohio.*

Note: This is really a program and constitutional regulations for the quadrennium.

JOINT MEETING ON MERGING DENOMINATIONAL BROTHERHOODS

June 15, 1946

1. A meeting of representatives of the Otterbein Brotherhood of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ and of the Albright Brotherhood of the Evangelical Church was held on the 14th floor of the U. B. Building, Dayton, Ohio, Saturday, June 15, 1946, at 10:00 a.m.

2. The meeting was called to order and the following were present:

United Brethren

Dr. O. T. Deever
Dr. W. R. Montgomery
L. L. Huffman
W. O. Clark

Evangelical

Bishop E. W. Praetorius
Dr. R. H. Mueller
Dr. E. S. Wegner
T. A. Kaatz
R. M. Holdeman

Word was received from William Fox, President of the Otterbein Brotherhood, that he could not obtain airplane reservation for the trip, and from J. Britain Winter, Vice President of Albright Brotherhood, that Mrs Winter had met with an accident which made it necessary for him to remain home.

3. W. R. Montgomery served as temporary chairman. A motion was made and carried that L. L. Huffman should serve as Chairman of this meeting and T. A. Kaatz should serve as Secretary.

4. Before transacting other items of business prayer was offered by R. M. Holdeman.

5. Doctor Montgomery made some remarks regarding the purpose of this meeting, which was to discuss plans and program for the Brotherhood in the merged church so there will be no confusion or interruption in continuing the Men's Program. Doctor Montgomery also reviewed the Otterbein Brotherhood Coaching Conference held just a few days before this meeting.

6. Motion prevailed that we go on record favoring Brotherhood organizations sponsoring Boy Scout Troops, and that as soon as possible a Denominational Boy Scout Manual be prepared.

7. Motion made and carried that we look with favor on establishing an annual membership fee to cover a monthly publication for men, a membership card to go to each member, and a portion to flow into the individual Conference organization. A proper by-law is to be developed for approval by the General Brotherhood at the time of General Conference.

8. Motion prevailed that some time during the first quadrennium of the united church there should be a Men's Congress for all the men of the Church. This matter is to be presented to the proper committee at General Conference for scheduling.

9. A motion was properly made and carried that there shall be a Nominating Committee to present at the General Brotherhood meeting a slate of officers for the Brotherhood. This slate to also include nine Area Directors. The Committee in preparing the slate is to stagger denominational affiliations. The Nominating Committee shall consist of Doctor Deever and Doctor Montgomery of the United Brethren Church and Bishop Praetorius and Doctor Mueller of the Evangelical Church.

10. Motion prevailed recommending that the budget of the Brotherhood of The Evangelical United Brethren Church, for the first quadrennium, shall cover promotional materials, including a monthly publication; one-half the salary, office and travel expense of the Adult Work and Brotherhood Secretary; and \$2,500.00 annually for the Evangelism Program in the Church.

11. Motion was made, seconded and carried that a Committee consisting of Doctor Montgomery (Convener), Doctor Mueller, President Fox and President Kaatz shall develop the program for the Quadrennial Meeting to be held at the time of General Conference. It was agreed that one evening should be requested for the Brotherhood Meeting.

12. It was agreed that the By-Law Committee should consist of the same persons serving on the Program Committee with the addition of L. L. Huffman and J. B. Winter to give legal advise.

13. Motion prevailed that Doctor Deever, Doctor Montgomery, Doctor Wegner, Mr. Clark and Mr. Kaatz develop suggested Brotherhood Topics for the first six months of 1947. In this way material will be ready so there will be no interruption in Brotherhood work. (This Committee met following adjournment of this meeting. However, the Committee Report is incorporated here.)

General Theme: "Forward Together with Christ."

Emphasis for Year 1947: "Forward Together with Christ in Fellowship."

January—Now We Are One.

February—Effective Fellowship Through Christian Education.

March—Extending the Fellowship.

April—Fellowship with the Living Christ.

May—Have You Enlisted?

June—Continuing the Fellowship.

Additional material to be used to cover all phases of the suggested topics will be developed by Doctor Wegner and one of the Otterbein Brotherhood officers living near Lincoln, Nebraska. Doctor Montgomery will advise this officer regarding this action.

14. **Motion was made and passed that there be one Sunday, either in October or November, for Men's Day** in the united church, and that a specific project be promoted on that day. This request is to go to the proper committee at General Conference.

15. **Motion prevailed that for the first year of the quadrennium the specific Brotherhood project should be in the area of rehabilitation, reconstruction and relief.** The details of this project are to be worked out by the New Executive Committee of the General Brotherhood.

16. **Motion passed approving the Minutes** and that a copy of same should go to each member of this special meeting.

17. **Motion for adjournment prevailed.** Adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

L. L. HUFFMAN, *Chairman.*

TORREY A. KAATZ, *Secretary*

MINUTES OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE OF THE ALBRIGHT AND OTTERBEIN BROTHERHOODS

The joint committee of the Albright and Otterbein Brotherhoods met in the Hillcrest Hotel, July 6, at 9:30 a.m. Those present were Torrey A. Kaatz and Dr. R. H. Mueller of the Evangelical Church and William Fox and Dr. W. R. Montgomery of the United Brethren Church.

Mr. Torrey Kaatz and Mr. William Fox led in prayer.

It was decided that the meeting should take the form of a discussion group without a regular chairman.

Voted: That we ask for Tuesday evening, November 19, as Brotherhood night in the regular program of the Uniting General Conference.

Voted: That the program include a dinner meeting at which time the new Brotherhood should be organized.

Voted: That Doctor Mueller seek the services of Dr. Walter Judd as the guest speaker for the regular 7:30 evening service.

Voted: That Mr. William Fox be charged with the responsibility of providing posters for the convention. The poster to include:

1. Quadrennial Theme.
2. The Emphasis for 1947.
3. Reconstruction and Rehabilitation.

Voted: That Mr. Torrey Kaatz be charged with the responsibility of providing for the dinner meeting.

The committee took up the matter of by-laws for the Brotherhood of The Evangelical United Brethren Church and the following suggestions were made:

1. That there be an annual membership fee of \$2.00 and that it be sent to the general Brotherhood treasurer at the beginning of the Church year as set up by the General Conference. The general church treasurer shall send to the conference Brotherhood treasurer an amount equal to fifty cents for each membership fee.

Note: Whenever a Brotherhood is organized within the year the membership fee shall be on the pro rata basis.

2. A monthly Brotherhood publication shall be established which will be sent to paid-up members.

3. An annual membership card shall be provided and distributed to all members who have paid dues.

4. The General Otterbein Brotherhood of The Evangelical United Brethren Church shall plan for a Men's Congress to be held early in each quadrennium—the time and place of the Congress is to be determined by the Executive Committee of the Brotherhood.

5. One Sunday shall be observed as Men's Day throughout the Church.

Note: The day for this is to be determined by the General Conference Committee on Special Days.

6. The Executive Committee shall be responsible for special projects for the Brotherhood. The Brotherhood shall sponsor and promote all types of work among boys.

7. The stipulated fee for each charter shall be \$1.00.

The General Director was authorized to write to Dr. J. G. Howard and I. L. Schweitzer concerning the time of Men's Day and request that if possible Men's Day be held some time during the last two weeks of October or during the first two weeks of November.

The General Director was authorized to write Bishop Clippinger and ask for Tuesday night, November 19, of the General Conference, as Brotherhood night.

It is recommended that we ask permission to experiment with the name Albright Otterbein Brotherhood.

It is recommended that the local Brotherhood be responsible to the Conference Brotherhood and shall report to the secretary of the Conference Brotherhood, who in return will report to the General Director of the Brotherhood.

The committee recommends a slate of officers consisting of nine members, but the distribution of work into areas is to be determined by the New Executive Committee of the Brotherhood.

The committee recommended that the Executive Committee plan an induction ceremony for officers and members of the Brotherhood.

TORREY A. KAATZ, *Secretary*

ENABLING ACT ON YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

WHEREAS, The Basis of Union and the Book of Discipline of The Evangelical United Brethren Church provides for Christian Endeavor Leagues with Conference and General Young People's Unions, bringing into one pattern of organization those young people's societies obtained in the uniting denominations in 1940; and,

WHEREAS, The General Conference of the Evangelical Church in 1942 authorized its General Board of Christian Education and its Board of Missions to work out a unified plan of organization and program for youth work and to operate under such a mutually agreeable plan during the ensuing quadrennium, approving the appointment of a Joint Committee of Fourteen, with seven representatives from each Board to work out the agreements and plans and empowering it to proceed, and under this authorization the Evangelical Church has since been operating in its youth work under a Fellowship plan; and,

WHEREAS, The General Conference of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ in 1945, looking toward church union, appointed a Committee of Fifteen to study the matter of unifying the church's Christian education program for childhood, youth and adulthood, with a view to further correlating or integrating the work in the united Church; and,

WHEREAS, The Committee of Fourteen of the Evangelical Church and the Committee of Fifteen of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ representing their Boards related thereto, have had joint meetings, and have developed a mutually agreeable and satisfactory plan of youth organization and program for the new denomination and have set it forth in a series of documents which have been submitted to and approved by their Committees of Fourteen and of Fifteen respectively; and,

WHEREAS, This first General Conference of The Evangelical United Brethren Church is being memorialized to authorize the creation of the Youth Fellowship of The Evangelical United Brethren Church; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, 1. That such authorization be, and hereby is granted in harmony with the Constitutional provisions set forth in the attached documents (see Exhibit A):

- 1.1. Regulations for the Inter-Board Educational Program Committee.
- 1.2. Constitution for the General Youth Fellowship of The Evangelical United Brethren Church.
- 1.3. Constitution for the Youth Fellowship of the Annual Conferences of The Evangelical United Brethren Church.
- 1.4. Preamble and Constitutions for the Youth Fellowship of the local churches of The Evangelical United Brethren Church according to alternative plans for a Unified organization and for a Correlated organization.
2. That an Inter-Board Educational Program Committee be and hereby is created and empowered under the Regulations submitted.
3. That these Constitutions for General, Annual Conference and local church Youth Fellowships be, and hereby are, approved and declared in force.
4. That the provisions of the Discipline of The Evangelical United Brethren Church and the Plan and Basis of Union are in no wise altered by this action, and if local churches desire to proceed under the provisions of the Discipline, they may do so under the Constitution for the Correlated Plan for the Youth Fellowship herein provided.
5. That it is understood that the Youth Fellowship Plan hereby authorized is the youth program that shall be promoted in The Evangelical United Brethren Church.
6. That the Board of Christian Education shall report to the next session of the General Conference of The Evangelical United Brethren Church regarding the operation of this Youth Fellowship Plan during the quadrennium.

CONSTITUTION OF THE GENERAL YOUTH FELLOWSHIP OF THE EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH

Article I

NAME

The name of this organization shall be the General Youth Fellowship of The Evangelical United Brethren Church.

Article II

PURPOSE

The purpose of the General Youth Fellowship of The Evangelical United Brethren Church shall be to foster and direct the Youth Fellowship in and through the Annual Conferences and local churches in order to: (1) lead young people to an understanding and appreciation of Jesus Christ and the acceptance of him as Savior and Lord in all areas of life and conduct; (2) unite young people for Christ and the Church into one fellowship; (3) unify the activities of young people into a comprehensive, integrated and co-operative program, comprehending the educational activities of missions, evangelism, stewardship and Christian social action, based upon their interests and needs; (4) provide opportunities for young people to serve the purposes

of the Kingdom of God through The Evangelical United Brethren Church; (5) encourage young people to faithfulness in personal religious living and church relationships; and (6) make young people more effective in the service of God by training them in all forms of Christian work.

Article III

MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. The membership of the General Youth Fellowship of The Evangelical United Brethren Church shall be composed of the Youth Fellowships of the Annual Conferences and of the local churches of The Evangelical United Brethren Church.

Section 2. The membership of the quadrennial business meeting shall consist of the officers of the General Youth Fellowship of The Evangelical United Brethren Church; the chairmen of the four Commissions; and the delegates elected by the Youth Fellowships of the Annual Conferences of The Evangelical United Brethren Church on the basis of one delegate for every fifteen churches or major fraction thereof, provided that every Annual Conference Youth Fellowship shall be entitled to at least two delegates. Delegates shall be within the age-range of 12 to 24 years inclusive.

Section 3. The adult counselors of the General Youth Fellowship and of the Annual Conference Youth Fellowships and the Executive Secretary of Christian Education of The Evangelical United Brethren Church shall be advisory members of the quadrennial business meeting.

Article IV

OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of the General Youth Fellowship of The Evangelical United Brethren Church shall be a president, a vice-president, a secretary and a treasurer. The president, vice-president and secretary shall be elected quadrennially by ballot in the quadrennial business meeting of the General Youth Fellowship, having been nominated by the Committee on Nominations, and these officers shall be between the ages of 15 to 24 years inclusive and shall be members of The Evangelical United Brethren Church. The treasurer of the General Board of Christian Education shall be the treasurer of the General Youth Fellowship.

Section 2. The president shall represent the General Youth Fellowship in the General Board of Christian Education. He shall be the chairman of the Executive Council of the General Youth Fellowship.

Article V

RELATIONSHIPS

Section 1. The General Youth Fellowship of The Evangelical United Brethren Church is administratively related to the General Board of Christian Education under whose direction the work of the Youth Fellowship shall be carried on. Its program, and the general policies related to that program, shall be developed co-operatively by the General Board of Christian Education, the Board of Missions, the Council of Administration, the Commission on Evangelism and the Commission on Christian Social Action through the Interboard Educational Program Committee. The president of the General Youth Fellowship shall be a member ex officio of the General Board of Christian Education.

Section 2. The relationship of the General Youth Fellowship to interdenominational and other Christian youth organizations on the national or international level, such as the International Society of Christian Endeavor and the United Christian Youth Movement, shall be determined by its Executive Council, upon the approval of the General Board of Christian Education.

Article VI

THE ADULT COUNSELORS

Section 1. The Adult Counselors of the General Youth Fellowship shall

be: the Director of Young People's Work of the General Board of Christian Education, the Secretary of Young People's Work of the Women's Society of World Service or other young people's missionary organization, the Editors of the young people's periodicals, and all other general executive officers employed in the field of young people's work in The Evangelical United Brethren Church.

Section 2. The Adult Counselors shall be advisory members of the quadrennial business meeting and of the standing committees of the General Youth Fellowship and shall advise and counsel the General Youth Fellowship, its officers and Commissions, as these Adult Counselors may be assigned responsibilities by the Executive Council.

Article VII

THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Section 1. There shall be an Executive Council of the General Youth Fellowship which shall consist of the officers of the General Youth Fellowship; the Commission chairmen; the Adult Counselors; the Executive Secretary of Christian Education; an Executive Secretary of the Board of Missions, chosen by the Board of Missions; and six representative young people, ages 15 to 24 inclusive, three of whom shall be named by the General Board of Christian Education and three by the General Board of Missions.

Section 2. The officers of the General Youth Fellowship shall be the officers of its Executive Council.

Section 3. The Executive Council shall: (1) act for the General Youth Fellowship in the interim of its meetings; (2) arrange the program for the quadrennial business meeting of the General Youth Fellowship and any additional convention features; (3) submit recommendations for consideration and action to the quadrennial business meeting; (4) name the Nominating Committee; (5) name the chairmen of the four Commissions of the General Youth Fellowship and determine the membership of the Commissions; (6) have general direction, under the General Board of Christian Education, of the work of the Youth Fellowship of The Evangelical United Brethren Church in the denomination, in the annual conferences and in the local churches; and (7) do such other work as may be assigned to it.

Section 4. The Executive Council shall meet annually at a time and place designated by the Executive Council. Special meetings of the Executive Council may be called by its chairman at the request of the Adult Counselors and of the officers of the General Youth Fellowship. In each quadrennium one of the annual meetings of the Executive Council shall be held at the time and place of the quadrennial business meeting of the General Youth Fellowship.

Section 5. The Executive Council may appoint such standing and/or special committees as it may find necessary to carry on the work of the General Youth Fellowship or as may be directed by the quadrennial business meeting or requested by the Commissions of the General Youth Federation.

Article VIII

THE COMMISSIONS

Section 1. The activities of the General Youth Fellowship of The Evangelical United Brethren Church shall be outlined and developed through four Commissions under the direction of the Executive Council and in harmony with the Christian Educational program for young people as developed by the Interboard Educational Program Committee. The four Commissions shall be named:

- The Commission on Worship and Devotional Life
- The Commission on Evangelism and Stewardship
- The Commission Missions and Social Action
- The Commission on Recreation and Leisure

Section 2. The Commissions shall work under the direction of the Execu-

tive Council as decided by the quadrennial business meeting of the General Youth Fellowship. They shall study the program of educational activities for young people in their respective areas and make recommendations concerning them to the quadrennial business meeting or to the Executive Council of the General Youth Fellowship.

Section 3. The membership of each of the four Commissions shall consist of an equal number of members of the Executive Council as regular members for the quadrennium, plus such co-opted members as the Executive Council may determine. The Chairmen of the Commissions shall be appointed by the Executive Council. Adult Counselors shall be assigned by the Executive Council as advisers to the Commissions in their work.

Section 4. The duties and scope of work of the Commissions shall be as follows:

a. *The Commission on Worship and Devotional Life* shall foster a consciousness of God and a sense of personal right relationship to him and an understanding of, and active participation in Christian worship; plan the devotional program for the meetings of the Youth Fellowship; promote participation in family worship, in the devotional meetings of the Youth Fellowships, in the worship services of the Sunday church school, and in the worship, communion and prayer services of the church; promote observance of the personal Quiet Hour, the devotional reading and study of the Bible, private prayer, the reading of other devotional literature and the use of great hymns.

b. *The Commission on Evangelism and Stewardship* shall plan and promote a program of youth evangelism in order to lead to an understanding of, and an intelligent participation in, the church's total program of evangelism. It shall plan a continuous program to win young people to Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, and to bring them into the Youth Fellowship, the Sunday church school and the church. It shall provide plans for recruiting new members through personal work and visitation and for following up absentees, as well as plans for sponsoring personal workers' groups and other prayer groups and for co-operating with the minister in the evangelistic program of the entire church.

It shall promote plans for leading young people to accept the responsibilities of the stewardship of all of life; to take the Christian Steward's pledge; and to support the work and program of The Evangelical United Brethren Church and the Youth Fellowship. It shall provide plans for study classes in Evangelism and Stewardship in co-operation with the denominational and conference agencies in those fields of activity.

c. *The Commission on Missions and Social Action* shall plan and promote a program to interest and enlist young people in a Christian world community through the Missionary Program of The Evangelical United Brethren Church. Such a program should seek to impart missionary information leading to an understanding of the world mission of the Christian church, to cultivate interest and participation in missionary activities, to sponsor the reading of missionary literature and to promote study classes in the areas of world and home missions. It shall promote the World Service Fund of the Youth Fellowship of The Evangelical United Brethren Church and the Missions and Benevolence Plan of the denomination.

It shall also promote the general Christian social action program of the denomination by sponsoring a program of activities that encourages and develops good citizenship, temperance, racial understanding, social welfare, economic and industrial justice, international goodwill and world peace. It shall promote social betterment and community uplift, public welfare, worthy charity and the relief of the sick and needy. It shall foster good government, the observance of law and order and the exercise of the right of franchise.

d. *The Commission on Recreation and Leisure* shall develop and promote a program that will lead to an intelligent understanding of the meaning of Christian fellowship, that will cultivate Christian sociability and enlarge acquaintanceship, and that will foster the highest personal and social standards of recreation and the right use of leisure time. It shall plan well-balanced programs of recreation and provide promotional materials for them which will help build fully-rounded Christian personality and which will give guidance in the Christian use of leisure time. To this end it shall promote the reading of the periodicals of The Evangelical United Brethren Church and other wholesome literature. It shall provide guidance in the proper evaluation of, and the intelligent and constructive participation in, amusements and other leisure time activities.

Article IX

MEETINGS

The General Youth Fellowship of The Evangelical United Brethren Church shall meet quadrennially for fellowship, inspiration, study, and business at a time and place determined by its Executive Council. The quadrennial business meeting of the General Youth Fellowship, membership of which is provided in Article III, Section 2, shall receive reports of the work done during the quadrennium, act upon these reports, elect officers for the ensuing quadrennium, adopt the program for the new quadrennium, and transact other necessary business.

Article X

FINANCES

Section 1. The work of the General Youth Fellowship of The Evangelical United Brethren Church shall be financed through an annual budget, administered by its Executive Council, under the supervision of the General Board of Christian Education.

Section 2. There shall be established and maintained a World Service Fund of the Youth Fellowship of The Evangelical United Brethren Church supporting the missionary objectives of the Board of Missions of the denomination. This World Service Fund is to be raised through offerings and gifts and through projects as may be inaugurated by the Board of Missions through the denominational unified youth program, in concurrence with the General Youth Fellowship of The Evangelical United Brethren Church. The money received for this World Service Fund shall be paid to the treasurer of the General Youth Fellowship, who shall pay the cost of materials and promotion for this Fund from the Fund, and shall remit the balance of this Fund to the treasurer of the Board of Missions of The Evangelical United Brethren Church.

Section 3. Funds for special projects related to other General Church Boards or Commissions may be raised through the Youth Fellowship as agreed upon within the Interboard Educational Program Committee. The cost of the promotion of such projects shall be borne by each project. Whenever a board that is co-operating in the Interboard Educational Program Committee desires to use the Youth Fellowship as the medium for such special projects, the sponsoring board shall bear the cost of promoting the project.

Section 4. Annual Conference Missions and Benevolence projects may be inaugurated in the Conference and promoted under the direction of the Executive Council of the Conference Youth Fellowship in concurrence with the Board of Missions of the Annual Conference.

Section 5. The expenses of the president of the General Youth Fellowship incident to his attendance upon the meetings of the General Board of Christian Education shall be borne by the Board of Christian Education. The expenses of the elected officers of the General Youth Fellowship and other youth members of the Executive Council, incurred by attendance upon the quadrennial business meeting and the meetings of the Executive Council of

the General Youth Fellowship, shall be paid out of the treasury of the Fellowship. The expenses of the Adult Counselors and of the Executive Secretary of Christian Education, incident to their attendance upon meetings of the Executive Council or the quadrennial business meeting of the General Youth Fellowship, shall be borne by the respective agencies which they represent. The expenses of the representatives of the Youth Fellowship of the Annual Conferences, in attending the quadrennial meeting of the General Youth Fellowship, shall be provided for in the budgets of the Annual Conference Youth Fellowships.

Article XI

AMENABILITY

The General Youth Fellowship of The Evangelical United Brethren Church is amenable to the General Board of Christian Education, to which it shall report annually, and to the General Conference, to which it shall report quadrennially through the General Board of Christian Education.

Article XII

BY-LAWS

The General Youth Fellowship may adopt by-laws consistent with this constitution. The by-laws may be amended at any regular meeting of the General Youth Fellowship by a two-thirds vote of the members present, provided notice of the proposed amendment has been given at a previous meeting of the quadrennial session.

Article XIII

AMENDMENTS

This constitution can be amended only by the General Conference of The Evangelical United Brethren Church.

CONSTITUTION FOR THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Article I

NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Youth Fellowship of the Conference of The Evangelical United Brethren Church.

Article II

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Youth Fellowship of the Annual Conference shall be to serve as a channel from the General Youth Fellowship to the local churches in the Conference to foster and direct the Youth Fellowship in the local churches in order to: (1) lead young people to an understanding and appreciation of Jesus Christ and the acceptance of him as Savior and Lord in all areas of life and conduct; (2) unite young people for Christ and the Church into one fellowship; (3) unify the activities of young people into a comprehensive, integrated and co-operative program, comprehending the educational activities of missions, evangelism, stewardship and Christian social action, based upon their interests and needs; (4) provide opportunities for young people to serve the purposes of the Kingdom of God through The Evangelical United Brethren Church; (5) encourage young people to faithfulness in personal religious living and church relationships; and (6) make young people more effective in the service of God by training them in all forms of Christian work.

Article III

MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. The membership of the Youth Fellowship of the Annual Conference shall be composed of the Youth Fellowships of the local churches within the bounds of the Annual Conference.

Section 2. The membership of the annual business meeting of the Youth Fellowship of the Annual Conference shall consist of the officers of the Youth Fellowship of the Annual Conference; the chairmen of the four Commissions; and the delegates elected or appointed by the local church Youth Fellowships on a basis determined by the Executive Council of the Youth Fellowship of the Annual Conference, provided, however, that every local church Youth Fellowship shall be entitled to at least one delegate. Young people who are members of churches which have no organized Youth Fellowship may become delegates to the annual business meeting of the Youth Fellowship of the Annual Conference when they are designated as such by the Board of Christian Education of the local church on the same basis that governs the selection of delegates from organized Youth Fellowships. All delegates shall be within the ages 12 to 24 years inclusive.

Section 3. The Adult Counselors of the Youth Fellowship of the Annual Conference and of the local church Youth Fellowships, and the Conference Director of Christian Education, shall be advisory members of the annual business meeting.

Article IV

OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of the Youth Fellowship of the Annual Conference shall be a president, a vice-president, a secretary and a treasurer. The president, vice-president and secretary shall be elected annually by ballot in the annual business meeting of the Youth Fellowship of the Annual Conference, having been nominated by the Committee on Nominations, and these officers shall be between the ages of 15 to 24 years inclusive and shall be members of The Evangelical United Brethren Church. The treasurer of the Conference Board of Christian Education shall be the treasurer of the Youth Fellowship of the Annual Conference.

Section 2. The president shall represent the Youth Fellowship of the Annual Conference in the Conference Board of Christian Education. He shall be the chairman of the Executive Council of the Youth Fellowship of the Annual Conference.

Article V

RELATIONSHIPS

Section 1. The Youth Fellowship of the Annual Conference is administratively related to the Conference Board of Christian Education, under whose direction the work of the Youth Fellowship shall be carried on. Its program, and the general policies related to that program, shall be received from the General Youth Fellowship of The Evangelical United Brethren Church and shall be promoted by it within the bounds of the Annual Conference to which it belongs. Any additional Annual Conference features of the youth program and the general policies related thereto shall be developed co-operatively by the Conference Board of Christian Education, the Conference Board of Missions, the Conference Commission on Evangelism, the Conference Council of Administration and the Conference Commission on Christian Social Action. The president of the Youth Fellowship of the Annual Conference shall be a member ex officio of the Conference Board of Christian Education.

Section 2. The relationship of the Youth Fellowship of the Annual Conference to interdenominational and other Christian youth organizations on the Conference level, such as the State Christian Endeavor Union and the United Christian Youth Council, shall be determined by its Executive Council, upon the approval of the Conference Board of Christian Education.

Article VI

THE ADULT COUNSELORS

Section 1. The Adult Counselors of the Youth Fellowship of the Annual Conference shall be: the Director of Young People's Work of the Conference Board of Christian Education; the Secretary of Young People's Work of the Conference Branch of the Women's Society of World Service or other young people's missionary organization; and all other executive officers employed in the field of young people's work in the Annual Conference.

Section 2. The Adult Counselors shall be advisory members of the annual business meeting and of the standing committees of the Youth Fellowship of the Annual Conference, and shall advise and counsel the Youth Fellowship of the Annual Conference, its officers and Commissions, as these Adult Counselors may be assigned responsibilities by the Executive Council.

Article VII

THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Section 1. There shall be an Executive Council of the Youth Fellowship of the Annual Conference which shall consist of the officers of the Youth Fellowship of the Annual Conference; the Commission chairmen; the Adult Counselors; the Conference Director of Christian Education; the Secretary of the Conference Board of Missions; and the Group or District Leaders where such have been appointed.

Section 2. The officers of the Youth Fellowship of the Annual Conference shall be the officers of its Executive Council.

Section 3. The Executive Council shall: (1) act for the Youth Fellowship of the Annual Conference in the interim of its business meetings; (2) arrange the program for the annual business meeting and convention of the Youth Fellowship of the Annual Conference; (3) submit recommendations for consideration and action to the annual business meeting; (4) name the Nominating Committee; (5) name the chairmen of the four Commissions of the Youth Fellowship of the Annual Conference and determine the membership of the Commissions; (6) have general direction of the work of the Youth Fellowship of the Annual Conference and in the local churches of the conference; (7) if desirable, divide the area of the Annual Conference into promotional Youth Fellowship Groups or Districts and appoint a leader for each Group or District; (8) arrange for Group or District institutes, rallies or other promotional meetings; and (9) do such other work as may be assigned to it.

Section 4. The Executive Council shall meet semi-annually at a time and place designated by the Executive Council. Special meetings of the Executive Council may be called by its chairman at the request of the adult counselors and of the officers of the Youth Fellowship of the Annual Conference. One of these semi-annual meetings of the Executive Council shall be held at the time and place of the annual business meeting of the Youth Fellowship of the Annual Conference.

Section 5. The Executive Council may appoint such standing and/or special committees as it may find necessary to carry on the work of the Youth Fellowship of the Annual Conference or as may be directed by the annual business meeting or requested by the Commissions of the Youth Fellowship of the Annual Conference.

Article VIII

THE COMMISSIONS

Section 1. The activities of the Youth Fellowship of the Annual Conference shall be outlined and developed through four Commissions under the direction of the Executive Council and in harmony with the Christian educational program for youth as developed and promoted by the General Youth Fellowship of The Evangelical United Brethren Church. The four Commissions shall be named:

The Commission on Worship and Devotional Life
The Commission on Evangelism and Stewardship
The Commission on Missions and Social Action
The Commission on Recreation and Leisure

Section 2. The Commissions shall work under the direction of the Executive Council as decided by the annual business meeting of the Youth Fellowship of the Annual Conference. They shall study the program of educational activities for youth in their respective areas and make recommendations concerning them to the annual business meeting or to the Executive Council of the Youth Fellowship of the Annual Conference.

Section 3. The membership of the four Commissions shall consist of an equal number of members of the Executive Council plus such additional members as the Executive Council may determine. Membership shall be for one year. The chairmen of the Commissions shall be appointed by the Executive Council. Adult Counselors shall be assigned by the Executive Council as advisers to the Commissions in their work.

Section 4. The duties and scope of work of the Commissions shall be as follows:

a. *The Commission on Worship and Devotional Life* shall foster a consciousness of God and a sense of personal right relationship to him and an understanding of, and active participation in, Christian worship; plan the devotional program for the meetings of the Youth Fellowship; promote participation in family worship, in the devotional meetings of the Youth Fellowships, in worship services of the Sunday church school, and in the worship, communion and prayer services of the church; promote observance of the personal Quiet Hour, the devotional reading and study of the Bible, private prayer, the reading of other devotional literature and the use of great hymns.

b. *The Commission on Evangelism and Stewardship* shall plan and promote a program of youth evangelism in order to lead to an understanding of, and an intelligent participation in, the church's total program of evangelism. It shall plan a continuous program to win young people to Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, and to bring them into the Youth Fellowship, the Sunday church school and the church. It shall provide plans for recruiting new members through personal work and visitation and for following up absentees, as well as plans for sponsoring personal workers' groups and other prayer groups and for co-operating with the minister in the evangelistic program of the entire church.

It shall promote plans for leading young people to accept the responsibilities of the stewardship of all of life; to take the Christian Steward's pledge; and to support the work and program of The Evangelical United Brethren Church and of the Youth Fellowship. It shall provide plans for study classes in Evangelism and Stewardship in co-operation with the denominational and Conference agencies in those fields of activity.

c. *The Commission on Missions and Social Action* shall plan and promote a program to interest and enlist young people in a Christian world community through the Missionary Program of The Evangelical United Brethren Church and of the Annual Conference. Such a program shall seek to impart missionary information leading to an understanding of the world mission of the Christian Church, to cultivate interest and participation in missionary activities, to sponsor the reading of missionary literature and to promote study classes in the areas of world and home missions. It shall promote the World Service Fund of the Youth Fellowship of The Evangelical United Brethren Church and the Missions and Benevolence Plan of the denomination.

It shall also promote the general and Conference Christian Social Action program of the denomination by sponsoring a program of activities that encourages and develops good citizenship, temperance, racial understanding, social welfare, economic and industrial justice, inter-

national good will and world peace. It shall promote social betterment and community uplift, public welfare, worthy charity and the relief of the sick and needy. It shall foster good government, the observance of law and order and the exercise of the right of franchise.

- d. *The Commission on Recreation and Leisure* shall develop and promote a program that will lead to an intelligent understanding of the meaning of Christian fellowship, that will cultivate Christian sociability and enlarge acquaintanceship, and that will foster the highest personal standards of recreation and the right use of leisure time. It shall plan well-balanced programs of recreation and provide promotional materials for them which will help build fully-rounded Christian personality, and which will give guidance in the Christian use of leisure time. To this end it shall promote the reading of the periodicals of The Evangelical United Brethren Church and other wholesome literature. It shall provide guidance in, the proper evaluation of, and the intelligent and constructive participation in, amusements and other leisure time activities.

Article IX

MEETINGS

The Youth Fellowship of the Annual Conference shall meet annually for fellowship, inspiration, study, and business at a time and place determined by its Executive Council. The annual business meeting of the Youth Fellowship of the Annual Conference, membership of which is provided in Article III, Section 2, shall receive reports of the work done during the year, act upon the reports, elect officers for the ensuing year, adopt the program for the new year, and transact other necessary business.

Article X

FINANCES

Section 1. The work of the Youth Fellowship of the Annual Conference shall be financed through an annual budget, administered by its Executive Council, under the supervision of the Conference Board of Christian Education.

Section 2. The World Service Fund of the Youth Fellowship of The Evangelical United Brethren Church, as established and promoted by the General Youth Fellowship, shall be supported by the Youth Fellowships of the Annual Conference and of its local churches. This World Service Fund is to be raised through offerings and gifts and through projects as may be inaugurated by the Board of Missions through the denominational unified program, in concurrence with the General Youth Fellowship. The money received for this World Service Fund in the Annual Conference shall be paid to the treasurer of the Youth Fellowship of the Annual Conference who, in turn, shall remit such funds to the treasurer of the General Youth Fellowship.

Section 3. Annual Conference Missions and Benevolence projects to be undertaken by the Youth Fellowship of the Annual Conference shall be approved by the Conference Board of Missions and recommended by the Executive Council of the Youth Fellowship of the Annual Conference in harmony with the financial program of the denomination as determined by the General Conference or the General Council of Administration.

Section 4. Funds for special projects related to the work of other Annual Conference Boards or Commissions may be raised through the Youth Fellowship of the Annual Conference as agreed upon through interboard consultation. The cost of the promotion of such projects shall be borne by each project. Whenever a Conference agency desires to use the Youth Fellowship as the medium for such special projects, the sponsoring agency shall bear the cost of promoting the project.

Section 5. The expenses of the president of the Youth Fellowship of the Annual Conference incident to his attendance upon the meetings of the Conference Board of Christian Education shall be borne by the Board of

Christian Education. The expenses of the elected officers of the Youth Fellowship of the Annual Conference and other youth members of the Executive Council, incurred by attendance upon the meetings of the Executive Council of the Youth Fellowship of the Annual Conference, shall be paid out of the treasury of the Fellowship. The expenses of the Adult Counselors and of the Conference Director of Christian Education, incident to their attendance upon meetings of the Executive Council or the annual business meeting of the Youth Fellowship of the Annual Conference, shall be borne by the respective agencies which they represent. The expenses of delegates from the Youth Fellowships of local churches in attending the annual business meeting shall be provided for in the budgets of the Youth Fellowships of the local churches.

Article XI

GROUP OR DISTRICT FELLOWSHIPS

Group or district Youth Fellowships may be created within the bounds of the Annual Conference in the interest of the Youth Fellowship program in the Annual Conference, under the direction of the Executive Council of the Youth Fellowship of the Annual Conference. The Executive Council shall appoint group or district leaders who shall thereby become members of the Executive Council of the Youth Fellowship of the Annual Conference; and who shall have charge of the promotional program for their groups or districts, as directed by the Executive Council. The Executive Council shall arrange for group or district rallies, institutes or other meetings in the interest of advancing the total Youth Fellowship program within the local churches of the Group or District. Regulations governing such group or district Youth Fellowships shall be provided by the Executive Council of the General Youth Fellowship of The Evangelical United Brethren Church.

Article XII

AMENABILITY

The Youth Fellowship of the Annual Conference is amenable to the Conference Board of Christian Education to which it shall report annually and to the Annual Conference to which it shall report through the Conference Board of Christian Education.

Article XIII

BY-LAWS

The Youth Fellowship of the Annual Conference may adopt by-laws consistent with this constitution. The by-laws may be amended at any regular business meeting of the Youth Fellowship of the Annual Conference by a two-thirds vote of the members present, provided notice of the proposed amendment has been given at a previous meeting of the annual session.

Article XIV

AMENDMENTS

This constitution can be amended only by the General Conference of The Evangelical United Brethren Church.

CONSTITUTIONS FOR THE LOCAL YOUTH FELLOWSHIP OF THE EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH

Preamble

The Youth Fellowship of The Evangelical United Brethren Church is the agency for all the departments of the denomination in the youth field. It is the channel through which the unified, comprehensive and co-operative educational program of instruction and activities shall flow into the life of young people. While it is recognized that some form of organization is

always necessary, the major concern in the Youth Fellowship is with the youth section of the unified educational program of the Church as developed by the Interboard Committee on Educational Program.

Organization is a means, not an end. Instead of considering young people as being separated by organizations that are centered around a time of meeting, they are to be thought of as a fellowship wherever they are at work in the life and program of the church. In its larger outreach the Youth Fellowship has relation to all of the young people of the denomination, to young people in all evangelical denominations, and all young people in other Christian youth serving agencies.

In view of the background and experience in young people's work in the two former denominations that now constitute The Evangelical United Brethren Church, and because of the differences in organization that obtained at the time of church union, alternative plans for the Youth Fellowship organization in the local church are herein provided. Undue insistence now upon uniformity in organization in the local churches is inconsistent with the purpose of the Youth Fellowship plan, even though the ultimate goal is one organizational pattern. Only one denominational youth program will be promoted in The Evangelical United Brethren Church and all local church young people's groups will participate in this program, regardless of the local pattern of organization.

Therefore this plan provides alternative patterns of organization for Youth Fellowships in local Evangelical United Brethren Churches: the one a Unified Plan and the other a Correlated Plan for the Youth Fellowship in the local church. Local churches whose youth work is already operating under a Unified Plan and those who desire to unify their youth work, shall organize their Youth Fellowship according to the Unified Plan described hereinafter. Churches which find their youth organizations, such as Christian Endeavor Societies and young women's or young people's missionary organizations, satisfactory and adequate and desire to continue them, shall do so under the Correlated Plan hereinafter provided.

CONSTITUTION FOR THE UNIFIED PLAN FOR THE YOUTH FELLOWSHIP IN THE LOCAL CHURCH

Article I

NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Youth Fellowship of the
..... Evangelical United Brethren Church of
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Article II

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Youth Fellowship of The Evangelical United Brethren Church shall be to serve as the agency of the General and the Annual Conference Youth Fellowships to foster and promote the Youth Fellowship organization and program in the local churches of the denomination in order to : (1) lead young people to an understanding and appreciation of Jesus Christ and the acceptance of him as Savior and Lord in all areas of life and conduct; (2) unite young people for Christ and the Church into one fellowship; (3) unify the activities of young people into a comprehensive, integrated and co-operative program, comprehending the educational activities of missions, evangelism, stewardship and Christian social action, based upon their interests and needs; (4) provide opportunities for young people to serve the purposes of the Kingdom of God through The Evangelical United Brethren Church; (5) encourage young people to faithfulness in personal religious living and church relationships; and (6) make young people effective in the service of God by training them in all forms of Christian work.

Article III

MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. The membership of the Youth Fellowship of the local church shall consist of all the young people of that church, ages 12 to 24 years inclusive, who are members of the local church or any of its agencies, and who subscribe to the purpose of the Youth Fellowship and who signify their willingness to participate in its program and activities.

Section 2. Other young people of good moral character, ages 12 to 24 years inclusive, who are willing to subscribe to the purpose of the Youth Fellowship and who promise to co-operate in its program and activities, may become members of the Youth Fellowship upon election to such membership by the Executive Council of the Youth Fellowship.

Section 3. The Adult Counselors of the Youth Fellowship, the Director of Christian Education and the Minister, shall be advisory members of the Youth Fellowship.

Article IV

OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of the Youth Fellowship of the local church shall be a president, a vice-president, a secretary and a treasurer, elected annually by ballot by the members of the Youth Fellowship, having been nominated by the Committee on Nominations. Officers shall be members of The Evangelical United Brethren Church. Their duties shall be such as usually pertain to their respective offices.

Section 2. The president shall represent the Youth Fellowship in the Council of Administration and in the Quarterly Conference. He shall be the chairman of the Executive Council of the Youth Fellowship of the local church.

Article V

RELATIONSHIPS

Section 1. The Youth Fellowship of the local church is administratively related to the local church Board of Christian Education, under whose direction the work of the Youth Fellowship shall be carried on. Its program, and the general policies related to that program shall be received from the General and the Annual Conference Youth Fellowships of The Evangelical United Brethren Church, and shall be promoted by it within the local church to which it belongs. Any additional local church features of the youth program, and the general policies related thereto, shall be developed co-operatively by the Board of Christian Education, the Sunday School Executive Council, the Women's Society of World Service and the Council of Administration of the local church. The president of the Youth Fellowship shall be a member ex officio of the local church Board of Christian Education.

Section 2. The relationship of the Youth Fellowship to interdenominational and other Christian youth organizations in the local community, such as the Christian Endeavor Union and the United Christian Youth Council, shall be determined by the Executive Council.

Article VI

DEPARTMENTS

Section 1. The program and activities of the Youth Fellowship in the local church may be carried on through age-level Departments whenever the size of membership, the needs of the various age-groups and the facilities for separate meetings warrant such departmentalization. These Departments shall be: the Intermediate Department, for persons 12 to 14 years of age inclusive (or grades 7 to 9 in public school); the Senior Department, for persons 15 to 17 years of age inclusive (or grades 10 to 12 in public school); and the Young People's Department, for persons 18 to 24 years of age inclusive (or college or out of school young people). Where there needs to

be a combination of age-groups, then the Senior and Young People's age-groups shall be combined into one Department and it shall be known as the Young People's Department.

Section 2. Wherever separate Departments are organized each shall annually elect its own president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer who shall function within the Department under the direction of the Executive Council of the Youth Fellowship of the local church. These officers shall be members of the Executive Council.

Section 3. The Executive Council of the Youth Fellowship of the local church shall appoint an Adult Counselor for each Department of the Youth Fellowship who shall counsel and give guidance in the work of the Department.

Section 4. In appointing the Commission members for the Youth Fellowship of the local church the Executive Council shall distribute the membership in such a way that each Department shall be equitably represented on each Commission. For Departmental purposes the Department's members on the respective Commissions may function as the Department's Commissions, but the work of the Commissions of the Youth Fellowship of the local church shall be so correlated as to include all of the Departments that may be organized.

Article VII

THE ADULT COUNSELORS

Section 1. The Director of Young People's Work of the local church, elected by the local Board of Christian Education, shall be the Adult Counselor of the Youth Fellowship of the local church.

Section 2. The Secretary of Young People's Work of the Women's Society of World Service in the local church, shall be the Associate Adult Counselor of the Youth Fellowship.

Section 3. Where there are age-level Departments in the Youth Fellowship of the local church the Executive Council shall appoint an Adult Counselor for each Department organized.

Section 4. The Adult Counselors shall be advisory members of the Youth Fellowship and its Departments, and of the Commissions and standing committees to which they may be assigned by the Executive Council. They shall advise and counsel the Youth Fellowship, its officers, Commissions and Departments as they may be assigned responsibilities by the Executive Council.

Article VIII

THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Section 1. There shall be an Executive Council of the Youth Fellowship of the local church which shall consist of the elected officers of the Youth Fellowship and of the organized Departments, the four Commission chairmen of the Youth Fellowship of the local church, the Adult Counselors of the Youth Fellowship and its Departments, the Director of Christian Education of the local church, the Minister, and the teachers and one youth representative from each class in the Young People's Division of the Sunday Church School.

Section 2. The officers of the Youth Fellowship of the local church shall be the officers of its Executive Council.

Section 3. The Executive Council shall: (1) give supervision and direction to the young people's work of the local church in planning and promoting the total program of the Youth Fellowship of The Evangelical United Brethren Church as it is received from the General and Annual Conference Youth Fellowships; (2) act for the Youth Fellowship of the local church in the interim of its business meetings; (3) name the Nominating Committee; (4) name the chairmen for the four Commissions of the Youth Fellowship in the local church; (5) assign the members of the Youth Fellowship to the Commissions for work; (6) provide for the organization of Departments where found necessary; (7) name the Adult Counselors for

the Departments; (8) co-ordinate the activities of Departments so as to maintain one Youth Fellowship in the local church; (9) have general direction of the work of the Youth Fellowship in the local church; and (10) do such other work as may be assigned to it.

Section 4. The Executive Council shall meet once a month at a time and place designated by it. Special meetings of the Executive Council may be called by its chairman at the request of the Adult Counselors and of the officers of the Youth Fellowship of the local church.

Section 5. The Executive Council may appoint such standing and/or special committees as it may find necessary to carry on the work of the Youth Fellowship of the local church, or as may be directed by the business meetings of the Youth Fellowship or requested by the Commissions.

Article IX

THE COMMISSIONS

Section 1. The activities of the Youth Fellowship of the local church shall be outlined and developed through four Commissions under the direction of the Executive Council, and in harmony with the Christian Educational program for youth as developed and promoted by the General and Annual Conference Youth Fellowships of The Evangelical United Brethren Church. The four Commissions shall be named:

- The Commission on Worship and Devotional Life
- The Commission on Evangelism and Stewardship
- The Commission on Missions and Social Action
- The Commission on Recreation and Leisure

Section 2. The Commissions shall work under the direction of the Executive Council as decided in the business meetings of the Youth Fellowship of the local church. They shall study the program of educational activities for young people in their respective areas, and make recommendations concerning them to the business meetings or to the Executive Council of the Youth Fellowship of the local church.

Section 3. The membership of the four Commissions shall consist of an equal number of the members of the Executive Council and of the other members of the Youth Fellowship as the Executive Council may determine. Each member of the Youth Fellowship shall be assigned to a Commission. Membership on the Commissions shall be for one year. Where Departments are organized, the members of the Departments shall be assigned proportionately to the four Commissions. The Chairmen of the Commissions shall be appointed by the Executive Council. Adult Counselors shall be assigned by the Executive Council as advisers to the Commissions in their work.

Section 4. The duties and scope of work of the Commissions shall be as follows:

a. *The Commission on Worship and Devotional Life* shall foster a consciousness of God and a sense of personal right relationship to him and an understanding of, and active participation in Christian worship; plan the devotional program for the meetings of the Youth Fellowship; promote participation in family worship, in the devotional meetings of the Youth Fellowship, in worship services of the Sunday Church School, and in the worship, communion and prayer services of the church; promote observance of the personal Quiet Hour, the devotional reading and study of the Bible, private prayer, the reading of other devotional literature and the use of great hymns.

b. *The Commission on Evangelism and Stewardship* shall plan and promote a program of youth evangelism in order to lead to an understanding of, and an intelligent participation in the church's total program of evangelism. It shall plan a continuous program to win young people to Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, and to bring them into the Youth Fellowship, the Sunday church school and the church. It shall recruit new members through personal work and visitation and

shall follow up absentees, as well as sponsor personal workers' groups and other prayer groups. It shall co-operate with the minister in the evangelistic program of the entire church.

It shall promote plans for leading young people to accept the responsibilities of the stewardship of all of life, to take the Christian Steward's pledge, and to support the work and program of The Evangelical United Brethren Church and of the Youth Fellowship. It shall provide for study classes in Evangelism and in Stewardship in co-operation with the denominational and Conference programs in those fields of activity.

c. *The Commission on Missions and Social Action* shall seek to interest young people in a Christian world community through the missionary program of The Evangelical United Brethren Church and of the Annual Conference to which the local church belongs. Such a program shall seek to impart missionary information leading to an understanding of the world mission of the Christian Church; to cultivate interest and participation in missionary activities; to sponsor the reading of missionary literature; and to promote study classes in the areas of world and home missions. It shall promote the World Service Fund of the Youth Fellowship of The Evangelical United Brethren Church and the Missions and Benevolence Plan of the denomination.

It shall also promote the General and Conference Social Action program of the denomination by sponsoring a program of activities that encourages and develops good citizenship, temperance, racial understanding, social welfare, economic and industrial justice, international goodwill and world peace. It shall promote social betterment and community uplift, public welfare, worthy charity, and the relief of the sick and the needy. It shall foster good government, the observance of law and order and the exercise of the right of franchise.

d. *The Commission on Recreation and Leisure* shall develop and promote a program that will lead to an intelligent understanding of the meaning of Christian fellowship; that will cultivate Christian sociability and enlarge acquaintanceship; and that will foster the highest personal, standards of recreation and the right use of leisure time. It shall plan well-balanced programs of recreation which will help build fully-rounded Christian personality, and which will give guidance in the Christian use of leisure time. To this end it shall promote the reading of the periodicals of The Evangelical United Brethren Church and other wholesome literature. It shall provide guidance in the proper evaluation of, and the intelligent and constructive participation in, amusements and other leisure time activities.

Article X

MEETINGS

Section 1. There shall be an annual business meeting of the Youth Fellowship of the local church, and of its Departments where such are organized, for the purpose of electing officers, receiving reports of the work done during the year, adopting the program for the ensuing year, and for transacting other necessary business. The Minister of the local church or someone appointed by him, shall preside at the election of the officers.

Section 2. There shall be business meetings held monthly or bi-monthly as may be determined by the Youth Fellowship for transacting the business of the Youth Fellowship and its Departments.

Section 3. Social meeting of the Youth Fellowship or its Departments shall be held each month or as may be determined by the Youth Fellowship to develop the social and recreational life of the members of the Youth Fellowship.

Section 4. In addition to the instruction period in Sunday school there shall be regular weekly meetings of the Youth Fellowship or its Departments for worship, study, discussion, fellowship and such other purposes as the Executive Council may determine.

Section 5. There may be special study or interest groups meeting as the Executive Council may determine. Such groups shall be integral parts of the total Youth Fellowship program of activities, providing special opportunities for projects and other activities that will meet the needs of various groups of young people within the Youth Fellowship.

Article XI

FINANCES

Section 1. The work of the Youth Fellowship of the local church shall be financed through an annual budget, administered by its Executive Council, under the supervision of the local Board of Christian Education.

Section 2. The World Service Fund of the Youth Fellowship of The Evangelical United Brethren Church, as established and promoted by the General Youth Fellowship and the Annual Conference Youth Fellowship, shall be supported by the Youth Fellowship of the local church. This World Service Fund is to be raised through offerings and gifts and through projects as may be authorized by the General Youth Fellowship. The money received for this World Service Fund in the Youth Fellowship of the local church or its Departments shall be paid to the Treasurer of the Youth Fellowship of the local church, who, in turn, shall remit such funds to the treasurer of the Youth Fellowship of the Annual Conference.

Section 3. Special projects to be undertaken by the Youth Fellowship of the local church on behalf of the local church shall be approved by the Council of Administration of the local church and by the Executive Council of the Youth Fellowship of the local church in harmony with the financial program of the denomination as determined by the General Conference or the General Council of Administration.

Section 4. Where Annual Conference Missions and Benevolence projects are inaugurated and promoted by an Annual Conference Youth Fellowship, the Youth Fellowship of the local churches in that Annual Conference shall support such projects.

Section 5. The expenses of official delegates to the annual business meeting of the Youth Fellowship of the Annual Conference shall be borne by the treasury of the Youth Fellowship of the local church which they represent.

Article XII

AMENABILITY

The Youth Fellowship of the local church is amenable to the Local Board of Christian Education, to the Council of Administration and to the Quarterly Conference, to which bodies it shall report as required by each.

Article XIII

BY-LAWS

The Youth Fellowship of the local church may adopt by-laws consistent with this Constitution. The by-laws may be amended at any regular business meeting of the Youth Fellowship, by a two-thirds vote of the members present, provided notice of the proposed amendment has been given at a previous business meeting of the Youth Fellowship.

Article XIV

AMENDMENTS

This Constitution can be amended only by the General Conference of The Evangelical United Brethren Church.

CONSTITUTION FOR THE CORRELATED PLAN FOR THE YOUTH FELLOWSHIP IN THE LOCAL CHURCH

Article I

NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Youth Fellowship of The

Evangelical United Brethren Church of

Article II**PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Youth Fellowship of The Evangelical United Brethren Church shall be to serve as the agency of the General and Annual Conference Youth Fellowships to foster and promote the Youth Fellowship organization and program in the local churches of the denomination in order to: (1) lead young people to an understanding and appreciation of Jesus Christ and the acceptance of him as Savior and Lord in all areas of life and conduct; (2) unite young people for Christ and the Church into one fellowship; (3) unify the activities of young people into a comprehensive, integrated and co-operative program, comprehending the educational activities of missions, evangelism, stewardship and Christian social action, based upon their interests and needs; (4) provide opportunities for young people to serve the purposes of the Kingdom of God through The Evangelical United Brethren Church; (5) encourage young people to faithfulness in personal religious living and church relationships; and (6) make young people more effective in the service of God by training them in all forms of Christian work.

Article III**MEMBERSHIP**

Section 1. The membership of the Youth Fellowship of the local church shall consist of the young people who belong to the Young People's Christian Endeavor societies, young people's missionary organizations, young people's Sunday School departments and classes, and all other young people's organizations in the local church. These organizations, operating under the constitutional provisions in the BOOK OF DISCIPLINE of The Evangelical United Brethren Church, shall include young people between the ages of 12 and 24 years inclusive in their memberships.

Section 2. The Adult Counselors of the Youth Fellowship and of the co-operating youth organizations, the Director of Christian Education and the Minister, shall be advisory members of the Youth Fellowship.

Article IV**OFFICERS**

Section 1. The officers of the Executive Council of the Youth Fellowship shall serve as the officers of the Youth Fellowship of the local church.

Section 2. The president of the Executive Council shall represent the Youth Fellowship in the Council of Administration and in the Quarterly Conference to which the local church belongs.

Article V**RELATIONSHIPS**

Section 1. The Youth Fellowship of the local church is administratively related to the local church Board of Christian Education, under whose direction the work of the Youth Fellowship shall be carried on. Its program, and the general policies related to that program, shall be received from the General and the Annual Conference Youth Fellowships of The Evangelical United Brethren Church, and shall be promoted by it within the local church to which it belongs. Any additional local church features of the youth program, and the general policies related thereto, shall be developed co-operatively by the Board of Christian Education, the Sunday School Executive Council, the Women's Society of World Service, and the Council of Administration of the local church. The president of the Youth Fellowship shall be a member ex officio of the local church Board of Christian Education.

Section 2. The relationship of the youth organizations, co-operating in this Correlated Plan, to interdenominational and other Christian youth

organizations in the local community, such as the Christian Endeavor Union and the United Christian Youth Council, shall be determined by each such organization in the Executive Council.

Article VI

DEPARTMENTAL GRADING

All young people's organizations functioning in the local church under this Correlated Plan, whether Christian Endeavor Societies, Missionary Organizations or Sunday Church School Classes shall endeavor to follow this gradation:

Intermediates—persons 12 to 14 of age inclusive (grades 7-9 in public school)

Seniors—persons 15 to 17 years of age inclusive (grades 10-12 in public school)

Young People—persons 18 to 24 years of age inclusive (college or out of school young people)

Article VII

ADULT COUNSELORS

Section 1. The Director of Young People's Work in the local church, elected by the local Board of Christian Education, shall be the Adult Counselor of the Youth Fellowship of the local church.

Section 2. The Secretary of Young People's Work of the Women's Society of World Service in the local church shall be the Associate Adult Counselor of the Youth Fellowship.

Section 3. The Adult Counselors of each youth organization which is a part of this Correlated Plan shall be Assistant Adult Counselors of the Youth Fellowship of the local church.

Section 4. The Adult Counselors shall be advisory members of the Youth Fellowship, of the youth organizations co-operating in the Correlated Plan, and of the Commissions and standing committees to which they may be assigned by the Executive Council. In addition to their counseling responsibilities in the youth organizations for which they are appointed, the Adult Counselors shall advise the Executive Council, its officers, and the Commissions of the Youth Fellowship of the local church.

Article VIII

THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Section 1. There shall be an Executive Council of the Youth Fellowship of the local church which shall consist of the officers of the youth organizations co-operating in the Correlated Plan, the four Commission Chairmen of the Youth Fellowship of the local church, the Adult Counselors, the Director of Christian Education of the local church, the Minister, the Divisional and Departmental Superintendents of the Young People's Division, and the teachers of the classes in the Youth Division of the Sunday School.

Section 2. The Executive Council shall elect annually a president, a vice-president, a secretary and a treasurer from among the youth members of the Executive Council. These shall be the officers of the Youth Fellowship of the local church and of its Executive Council.

Section 3. The Executive Council shall: (1) give supervision and direction to the young people's work of the local church by correlating the programs and activities of the youth organizations of the local church that are co-operating in this Correlated Plan, by harmonizing and integrating them in the total program of the Youth Fellowship of The Evangelical United Brethren Church as it is received from the General and Annual Conference Youth Fellowships; (2) name the chairmen of the four Commissions of the Youth Fellowship in the local church; (3) appoint the members of the Commissions of the Youth Fellowship; (4) co-ordinate the activities of the youth organizations so as to fit into and maintain one correlated youth

program in the local church; (5) have general direction of the Youth Fellowship and its program in the local church; and (6) do such other work as may be assigned.

Section 4. The Executive Council shall meet monthly or bi-monthly at a time and place designated by the Executive Council. Special meetings of the Executive Council may be called by its chairman at the request of the Adult Counselors and of the officers of the Executive Council.

Section 5. The Executive Council may appoint such standing and/or special committees as it may find necessary to carry on the work of the Youth Fellowship in the local church, or as may be requested by its Commissions.

Article IX

THE COMMISSIONS

Section 1. The activities of the Youth Fellowship of the local church under this Correlated Plan shall be outlined and developed through four Commissions under the direction of the Executive Council and in harmony with the Christian Educational program for youth as developed and promoted by the General and Annual Conference Youth Fellowships of The Evangelical United Brethren Church. The four Commissions shall be named:

The Commission on Worship and Devotional Life
 The Commission on Evangelism and Stewardship
 The Commission on Missions and Social Action
 The Commission on Recreation and Leisure

Section 2. These Commissions shall work under the direction of the Executive Council. They shall study the program of educational activities for youth in their respective areas, and make recommendations concerning their allocation to the co-operating youth organizations in this Correlated Plan of the Executive Council of the Youth Fellowship of the local church.

Section 3. The membership of these four Commissions shall consist of an equal number of the members of the Executive Council and such additional members from the co-operating youth organizations as the Executive Council may determine. Membership on the Commissions shall be for one year. The Chairmen of the Commissions shall be appointed by the Executive Council. Adult Counselors shall be assigned by the Executive Council as advisers to the Commissions in their work.

Section 4. The duties and scope of work of the Commissions shall be as follows:

a. *The Commission on Worship and Devotional Life* shall foster a consciousness of God and a sense of personal right relationship to him and an understanding of, and active participation in Christian worship; plan the devotional program for the meetings of the Youth Fellowship; promote participation in family worship, in the devotional meetings of the Youth Fellowship, in worship services of the Sunday school, and in the worship, communion and prayer services of the church; promote observance of the personal Quiet Hour, the devotional reading and study of the Bible, private prayer, the reading of other devotional literature, and the use of great hymns.

b. *The Commission on Evangelism and Stewardship* shall plan and promote a program of youth evangelism in order to lead to an understanding of, and an intelligent participation in the church's total program of evangelism. It shall plan a continuous program to win young people to Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, and to bring them into the Youth Fellowship, the Sunday church school and the church. It shall recruit new members through personal work and visitation and shall follow up absentees, as well as sponsor personal worker's groups and other prayer groups. It shall co-operate with the minister in the evangelistic program of the entire church.

It shall promote plans for leading young people to accept the responsibilities of the stewardship of all of life, to take the Christian Steward's pledge, and to support the work and program of The Evangelical United Brethren Church and of the Youth Fellowship. It shall provide for study classes in Evangelism and Stewardship in co-operation with the denominational and Conference programs in those fields of activity.

c. *The Commission on Missions and Social Action* shall seek to interest young people in a Christian world community through the missionary program of The Evangelical United Brethren Church and of the Annual Conference to which the local church belongs. Such a program shall seek to impart missionary information leading to an understanding of the world mission of the Christian Church; to cultivate interest and participation in missionary activities; to sponsor the reading of missionary literature; and to promote study classes in the areas of world and home missions. It shall promote the World Service Fund of the Youth Fellowship of The Evangelical United Brethren Church and the Mission and Benevolence Plan of the denomination.

It shall also promote the General and Conference Social Action program of the denomination by sponsoring a program of activities that encourages and develops good citizenship, temperance, racial understanding, social welfare, economic and industrial justice, international goodwill and world peace. It shall promote social betterment and community uplift, public welfare, worthy charity and the relief of the sick and needy. It shall foster good government, the observance of law and order and the exercise of the right of franchise.

d. *The Commission on Recreation and Leisure* shall develop and promote a program that will lead to an intelligent understanding of the meaning of Christian fellowship; that will cultivate Christian sociability and enlarge acquaintanceship; and that will foster the highest personal standards of recreation and the right use of leisure time. It shall plan well-balanced programs of recreation which will help build fully-rounded Christian personality, and which will give guidance in the Christian use of leisure time. To this end it shall promote the reading of the periodicals of The Evangelical United Brethren Church and other wholesome literature. It shall provide guidance in the proper evaluation of, and the intelligent and constructive participation in, amusements and other leisure time activities.

Article X

MEETING

Section 1. There shall be monthly or bi-monthly meetings of the Executive Council as may be determined by the Council for transacting the business of the Youth Fellowship of the local church.

Section 2. One of these meetings during the year shall be the annual business meeting, when officers shall be elected, reports of the work done during the year shall be received, the program for the ensuing year shall be considered and approved, and other necessary business shall be transacted. The minister of the local church shall preside at the election of the officers.

Section 3. The social meetings of the youth organizations under this Correlated Plan for the Youth Fellowship shall be co-ordinated through the Executive Council in order to develop the social and recreational life of all members of the Youth Fellowship of the local church.

Section 4. The regular weekly or monthly meetings of the youth organizations co-operating under the Correlated Plan for the Youth Fellowship for worship, study, discussion and fellowship in addition to the instruction period in Sunday School shall be related to each other in order to fit into the total Youth Fellowship program of the Church. Responsibility for such weekly or monthly meetings may be assigned to one or more of the co-operating youth organizations.

Section 5. There may be special study or interest group meetings as the Executive Council may determine. Such groups shall be integral parts of the total Youth Fellowship program of activities, providing special opportunities for projects and other activities that will meet the needs of various groups of young people within the Youth Fellowship. Responsibility for such interest or project groups may be assigned to one or more of the co-operating youth organizations.

Article XI

FINANCES

Section 1. The work of the Youth Fellowship of the local church shall be financed through an annual budget, contributed by the local Board of Christian Education and by the co-operating youth organizations on a basis agreed upon in the Executive Council. This budget shall be administered by the Executive Council, under the supervision of the local Board of Christian Education.

Section 2. The World Service Fund of the Youth Fellowship of The Evangelical United Brethren Church, as established and promoted by the General Youth Fellowship and the Annual Conference Youth Fellowship, shall be supported by the youth organizations co-operating in the Youth Fellowship of the local church. This World Service Fund is to be raised through offerings and gifts and through projects as may be authorized by the General Youth Fellowship. The money received for this World Service Fund in the Youth Fellowship of the local church or its co-operating youth organizations shall be paid to the treasurer of the Youth Fellowship of the local church, who, in turn, shall remit such funds to the treasurer of the Youth Fellowship of the Annual Conference.

Section 3. Special projects to be undertaken by the Youth Fellowship of the local church on behalf of the local church shall be approved by the Council of Administration of the local church and recommended to the Executive Council of the Youth Fellowship in harmony with the financial program of the denomination as determined by the General Conference or the General Council of Administration.

Section 4. Where Annual Conference Mission and Benevolence projects are inaugurated and promoted by an Annual Conference Youth Fellowship, the youth organizations co-operating in this Correlated Plan shall support such projects under the direction of the Executive Council.

Section 5. The expenses of official delegates to the annual business meeting of the Youth Fellowship of the Annual Conference shall be borne by the treasury of the Youth Fellowship of the local church which they represent, as the Executive Council shall determine.

Article XII

AMENABILITY

The Youth Fellowship of the local church is amenable to the local Board of Christian Education, to the Council of Administration and to the Quarterly Conference, to which bodies it shall report as required of each. The separate youth organizations co-operating under this Correlated Plan are amenable as provided in their respective constitutions in the Book of Discipline.

Article XIII

BY-LAWS

The Youth Fellowship of the local church may adopt by-laws consistent with this Constitution. The by-laws may be amended at any regular business meeting of the Youth Fellowship Executive Council by a two-thirds vote of the members present, provided notice of the proposed amendment has been given at a previous business meeting of the Youth Fellowship Executive Council.

Article XIV

AMENDMENTS

This Constitution can be amended only by the General Conference of The Evangelical United Brethren Church.

THE INTERBOARD EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM COMMITTEE**Preamble**

In order that the total educational program of The Evangelical United Brethren Church may include the emphases and activities of all of the departments and commissions of the General Church, channeling them down to the local churches in a comprehensive, integrated and unified program, there shall be a General Interboard Educational Program Committee which shall operate under the following regulations:

Article I**NAME**

The name of this committee shall be the Interboard Educational Program Committee of The Evangelical United Brethren Church.

Article II**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Interboard Educational Program Committee shall be to co-ordinate and unify the total educational program of The Evangelical United Brethren Church in the areas of Christian Education, Missions, Evangelism, Stewardship and Christian Social Action, in order to develop comprehensive and unified educational programs in children's work, youth work and adult work throughout the denomination, as such programs pertain to the General Boards and Commissions represented on the Committee, within the framework set by actions of the General Conference. This procedure provides the means whereby the co-operating boards and commissions can correlate and unify their several educational programs and activities in related fields.

Article III**MEMBERSHIP**

The Interboard Educational Program Committee shall be composed of the following persons appointed by the several Boards and Commissions: three representatives from the Board of Christian Education; three representatives from the Board of Missions; two representatives from the Council of Administration; two representatives from the Commission on Evangelism; and two representatives from the Commission on Christian Social Action.

Article IV**ORGANIZATION**

The Interboard Educational Program Committee shall organize by electing a chairman, a vice-chairman and a secretary. No agency shall have more than one representative in these offices at the same time. These officers shall be elected for the quadrennium immediately following the appointment of the Interboard Educational Program Committee after the session of the General Conference. Age-group subcommittees shall be appointed as soon as the Interboard Educational Program Committee is organized.

Article V**RELATIONSHIPS**

The right to initiate the educational program and policy of a particular cause rests with the Board or Commission responsible for that cause. Whenever the Interboard Educational Program Committee proposes a program, or features of a program, such proposals shall be subject to the approval of the Board or Commission most concerned with that particular area. The agreed-upon unified and co-ordinated educational program shall be promoted in a general way through all the Boards and Commissions, but as a comprehensive Christian Education program for the denomination the unified educational program shall be made operative by the Board of Christian Education through the boards and the agencies of Christian Education in the Annual Conferences and in the local churches.

The Interboard Educational Program Committee shall report to the General Church Boards and Commissions which it represents and its work shall be reviewed and acted upon by these Boards and Commissions. When ratified by these co-operating agencies the unified educational program shall be in force until changed or amended by agreement through the regular procedures of the Interboard Educational Program Committee.

Article VI

DUTIES

The Interboard Educational Program Committee shall develop a comprehensive unified and co-ordinated program of Christian Education for use in local churches with children, young people and adults. The educational content of missions, evangelism, stewardship and social action as taught in the Bible and in Christian experience, and as contributed and approved by the co-operating Boards and Commissions, is to be included in such a program of instruction and activity designed to produce and nurture the Christian life.

In order to adapt this program and materials to the needs and capacities of each age-level (childhood, youth, adulthood) the Interboard Educational Program Committee shall appoint three age-level subcommittees, each composed of four members of this Interboard Educational Program Committee. The Interboard Educational Program Committee may add to the membership of these subcommittees a number of persons, not members of the Interboard Educational Program Committee, who are qualified by training and experience to serve in these areas.

The Interboard Educational Program Committee shall direct the work of, and receive reports from these age-group committees.

Article VII

MEETINGS

The Interboard Educational Program Committee shall meet annually and otherwise as may be agreed upon by the committee. The age-group committees shall meet as determined by the Interboard Educational Program Committee.

Article VIII

FINANCES

The work of the Interboard Educational Program Committee shall be financed by the constituent Boards and Commissions as they may agree upon through the Interboard Educational Program Committee.

Article IX

AMENABILITY

The Interboard Educational Program Committee is amenable to, and shall report to the Board of Christian Education, the Board of Missions, the Council of Administration, the Commission on Evangelism and the Commission on Christian Social Action.

Article X

ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS

The Interboard Educational Program Committee may adopt additional regulations, consistent with the foregoing regulations, to govern its work.

THE COURSE OF STUDY FOR JUNIOR PREACHERS**CHAPTER XX**

(1942 Edition of Discipline)

COURSES OF STUDY**The General Commission on Ministerial Training**

P. 1569-A. There shall be a General Commission on Ministerial Training composed of two representatives of the Board of Bishops named by the Board of Bishops, a representative from each of our Theological Schools appointed by the respective institutions, and two pastors to be chosen by the General Council of Administration.

The duties of the General Commission on Ministerial Training shall be: (1) to study the needs of our Ministry in the field of training; (2) to recommend to each session of the General Conference, Courses of Study for Candidates for the Ministry and for Probationers and, if during a quadrennium books recommended in the Courses of Study are no longer available, to make temporary substitutions; (3) to recommend courses of reading and study for all our Ministers to be pursued subsequent to ordination and give advice concerning Ministers' institutes and summer schools; and (4) to co-operate with the Boards of Ministerial Training of the Annual Conferences by providing guidance in the counseling and examination of Ministerial Students on the high school and college levels.

The Commission shall meet at such times during the quadrennium as it may deem advisable. The expenses of the work of the Commission on Ministerial Training shall be paid from the General Missions and Benevolence Fund.

The Conference Board of Ministerial Training

P. 1569-B. The Annual Conference, at its first session following the General Conference, shall elect for a term of four years a Conference Board of Ministerial Training consisting of at least five of its Itinerant Elders. This Board shall organize by electing a President and a Secretary. The duties of the Secretary shall include the keeping of an accurate list of all Ministerial Students and Probationers of the Conference, and an accurate record of the academic standing and progress of each Candidate for the Ministry and of each Probationer.

The duties of the Conference Board of Ministerial Training shall be: (1) to seek through co-operation with the Conference Superintendents and the Ministers of the Annual Conference to enlist suitable persons for the Christian Ministry and to provide contact with, and counsel for all Ministerial Students in their training while in preparation for the ministry; (2) to urge and encourage in every practical way all Ministerial Students to attend one of our own Theological Schools and to complete the course leading to the Bachelor of Divinity degree or its equivalent; (3) to inquire into the qualifications of each Candidate for the Ministry, of each Probationer to be advanced to Orders, and of each Minister from another Church seeking entrance into our fellowship, according to the provisions of the Discipline (see PP. 347-353), and report its findings to the Annual Conference; (4) to receive annual reports on the progress made by each Probationer enrolled in a Theological School and to grant him credit for work satisfactorily completed (see P. 351); (5) to guide the Probationer who is not enrolled in a Theological School and who is pursuing the Course of Study as is outlined in PP. 1569-D, E, F, G, (see P. 350), give examinations on the books to be studied and receive reports on the books to be read and report to the Annual Conference the progress made by each such probationer; (6) to examine each Probationer, ready for advancement to the Order of Elder, concerning his personal beliefs according to the Doctrinal Test, as provided in P. 1569-H, and report to the Annual Conference the result of its examination.

No Probationer shall remain in this standing for more than five years without a two-thirds vote of the Itinerant Elders of the Annual Conference.

Candidates for the Ministry

P. 1569-C. Every Candidate for the Ministry shall prepare a written autobiographical statement (see P. 339), provide a transcript of credits earned to date in the educational institutions he has attended, furnish a satisfactory health certificate from a competent physician, and pass satisfactorily examinations to be administered by the Conference Board of Ministerial Training in the following: (1) Short History of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, *Owen*; History of the Evangelical Church, *Spreng*; (2) Our Confession and Faith, *Weaver*; What Evangelicals Believe, *Spreng*; and (3) The Discipline of The Evangelical United Brethren Church, Part I.

Course of Study for Probationers

(Not Having Completed the Course of Study in a Theological School)

P. 1569-D

First Year

Books to be studied upon which examinations are to be given:

1. A Conservative Introduction to the Old Testament, *S. A. Cartledge*.
2. Discipline of The Evangelical United Brethren Church (Parts II and III).
3. Making of the Sermon, *T. H. Pattison*.
4. The Church of Our Fathers, *R. H. Bainton*.
5. A Workable Plan of Evangelism, *D. C. Bryan*.
6. The Local Church, Its Purpose and Program, *A. W. Beaven*.
7. Systematic Theology, *S. J. Gamertsfelder* (Parts I, II, and III).
8. Written Sermon: "My Personal Savior."

The following books are to be read and reviewed in writing:

1. The Teachings of Jesus, *G. H. Branscomb*.
2. Jesus Came Preaching, *G. A. Buttrick*.
3. The Business Administration of a Church, *R. Cashman*.
4. Christian Education in your Church, *H. C. Munro*.

P. 1569-E

Second Year

Books to be studied upon which examinations are to be given:

1. A Study in the Book of Acts (Commentary recommended: *Abingdon Bible Commentary*).
2. The Fine Art of Public Worship, *A. W. Blackwood*.
3. Philosophy of the Christian World Mission, *E. D. Soper*.
4. Systematic Theology, *S. J. Gamertsfelder* (Parts IV, V, and VI).
5. The Church in Our Town, *R. C. Smith*, or The Church Ministering to Rural Life, *B. H. Cain*.
6. Pastoral Psychiatry, *B. S. Bonnell*.
7. The Psychology of Christian Personality, *E. M. Ligon*.
8. Written Sermon: "The Plan of Redemption."

The following books are to be read and reviewed in writing:

1. In the Minister's Workshop, *H. E. Luccock*.
2. Preparing Preachers to Preach, *R. A. Montgomery*.
3. The Church and The Children, *M. A. Jones*.
4. The Art of Ministering to the Sick, *Cabot and Dicks*.

P. 1569-F

Third Year

Books to be studied upon which examinations are to be given:

1. Evangelism and Christian Experience, *J. S. Stamm*.
2. The Art of Counselling, *R. May*.
3. The Principles of Christian Ethics, *A. C. Knudson*.
4. Exposition of "Isaiah" based on the *Abingdon Bible Commentary*.
5. The New Vacation Church School, *W. D. Blair*.
6. History of the Evangelical Church, *R. W. Albright*.
7. The History of the Christian People, *H. K. Rowe* (pp. 1-240).
8. Written Sermon: "The Person and Work of Jesus Christ."

The following books are to be read and reviewed in writing:

1. History of Evangelical Missions, *P. H. Eller*.
2. Family and Church, *L. J. Sherrill*.
3. The Parables of Jesus, *G. A. Buttrick*.
4. Labor and Tomorrow's World, *G. B. Oxnam*.

P. 1569-G

Fourth Year

Books to be studied upon which examinations are to be given:

1. Exposition of "Romans" based upon C. H. Dodd: "The Epistle of Paul to the Romans," *The Moffatt N. T. Commentary*.
2. History of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, *A. W. Drury*.
3. The Church and Society, *F. E. Johnson*.
4. A Survey of our Denominational Activities—Evangelistic, Educational, Missionary, Benevolent and Financial. (Write Denominational Boards and Commissions for Materials.)
5. History of the Christian People, *H. K. Rowe* (pp. 241-end).
6. New Trails for the Christian Teacher, *R. S. Smith*.
7. A Philosophy of Christian Revelation, *E. Lewis*.
8. Written Sermon: "The Christian Conception of God."

The following books are to be read and reviewed in writing:

1. The American City and Its Church, *S. C. Kincheloe*.
2. Outlines of Doctrinal Theology, *A. W. Drury*.
3. The Story of Religions in America, *W. W. Sweet*.
4. The Literature of the New Testament, *E. F. Scott*.

P. 1569-H **Doctrinal Test for Candidates for the Order of Elder**

1. Do you believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker and Sustainer of all things visible and invisible? What are your reasons for such belief?
2. You you believe the Bible is the revelation of God's redemption of, and His will for man and of God's Providential purposes in governing man? What reasons have you for such a belief?
3. What evidences do you give that man is in need of divine salvation? How do your own experiences verify such need?
4. What do you believe concerning the Person of Jesus Christ and the divine Atonement through Him?
5. What is your conception of the office and work of the Holy Spirit?
6. What is your conception of (1) repentance; (2) faith; (3) justification; (4) regeneration; (5) sanctification?
7. What is your faith concerning man's immortality and future state?
8. What do you understand by "Evangelism"?
9. What do you believe to be the place of Christian social action in the program of the Kingdom of God?
10. What is your dominant motive as a Christian Minister?

THE COMMITTEE ON COURSES OF STUDY.

GENERAL CONFERENCE RECOGNITION AND CONSTITUTION FOR THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH

The Committee appointed to study the provision for the Historical Society of The Evangelical United Brethren Church recommends the following Resolutions:

I.

WHEREAS, Provision is to be made for the Historical Society of The Evangelical United Brethren Church; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, First, that the Historical Society of The Evangelical United Brethren Church be incorporated.

Second, That the Historical Society of The Evangelical United Brethren Church be incorporated under the laws of the state of Ohio.

Third, That the seat of said corporation be situated in the city of Dayton, state of Ohio.

Fourth, That the Board of Trustees of the Historical Society, to be elected by the Uniting General Conference, consider the whole matter of making application for the incorporation of said Historical Society under the laws of the state of Ohio, following the session of the General Conference.

II.

WHEREAS, Provision is to be made for the Historical Society of The Evangelical United Brethren Church; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the following General Conference Recognition, and the Constitution for the Historical Society be and hereby are approved; and, further, be it

RESOLVED, That the following General Conference Recognition, and the Constitution be placed into the Discipline of The Evangelical United Brethren Church as constituting Chapter XIX—Historical Society.

SECTION I

GENERAL CONFERENCE RECOGNITION

The Historical Society of The Evangelical United Brethren Church, situated in Dayton, Ohio, having for its object the gathering and preserving of historical data, books, literature, and other property related to the history of The Evangelical United Brethren Church, has the official recognition of the General Conference.

SECTION II

CONSTITUTION

Article I

NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Historical Society of The Evangelical United Brethren Church.

Article II

INCORPORATION

The Historical Society of The Evangelical United Brethren Church shall be incorporated under the laws of the state of Ohio, with headquarters at Dayton, Ohio. The Historical Society of The Evangelical United Brethren Church shall be the successor of the following corporation: The Historical Society of the Evangelical Church, and the following society: The Historical Society of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, and as such successor it shall be and is authorized and empowered to receive from its said predecessor corporation and said predecessor society all trust funds and assets of every kind and character, real, personal, or mixed, wherever situate, held by them, and it shall be and hereby is authorized to administer such trusts and funds in accordance with the conditions under which they have been previously received and administered by the said predecessor corporation and society.

Article III

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Society shall be to gather and preserve historical data, records, books, literature, and other property related to the origin and development of The Evangelical United Brethren Church, own real estate, receive and administer gifts of money or other property, and also to stimulate and encourage historical research and appreciation.

Article IV

MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

1. The business, the property, and all affairs of the Historical Society of The Evangelical United Brethren Church shall be administered by a Board

of Trustees of nine members, all of whom shall be members of The Evangelical United Brethren Church, elected by the General Conference for a period of four years. The trustees shall hold office until their successors are elected.

2. Vacancies occurring in the Board of Trustees shall be filled by the General Council of Administration for the unexpired term.

3. The Board of Trustees shall be and hereby is authorized to possess real estate, receive and administer gifts of money, assets of every kind and character, real, personal, or mixed, wherever situate, and to stimulate and encourage historical research and appreciation of The Evangelical United Brethren Church for this Society.

4. The responsibility of raising funds for the promotion of the purpose of the Historical Society shall be in the hands of the Board of Trustees, who shall submit any plan for raising funds to the General Council of Administration for approval.

Article V

MEETINGS

The Board of Trustees shall meet annually at such time and place as previously determined by the Board or by its Executive Committee; a majority of its members shall constitute a quorum. It may hold special sessions whenever deemed necessary by its Executive Committee.

Article VI

OFFICERS

The officers of the Board of Trustees shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. These officers shall be elected at the first meeting of the Board of Trustees after the session of General Conference for a period of four years. The duties of these officers shall be such as usually pertain to these offices and such as shall be assigned to them by the Board.

It shall be the duty of the treasurer to receive all moneys for the Historical Society and deposit the same in a bank approved by the Board. He shall make payments on order of the president and secretary of the Board.

The secretary and treasurer shall make an annual report to the Board of Trustees, and a quadrennial report to the General Conference.

Article VII

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

There shall be an Executive Committee, consisting of the president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer, who shall promote and administer the affairs of the Board of Trustees during the interval of the meetings. The minutes of the Executive Committee shall be submitted to the Board of Trustees for examination and approval.

Article VIII

DEPOSITORIES

1. The Society shall provide a place, or places, for depositing such materials as properly come within its sphere and possession, co-operating also with Annual Conference Auxiliaries in the establishing of Auxiliary depositories.

2. The Board of Trustees shall appoint a Curator for each depository who shall supervise and have charge of the historical collection, and report to the Board at its annual meeting.

3. The Board of Trustees shall designate the depository for the care of materials having historical value. A record of the location of such materials shall be kept by the secretary of the Board and a copy filed with said depository.

4. All materials in a depository, or elsewhere, shall be open for research and exhibition, but no item shall be removed without the consent of the majority of the Board of Trustees.

Article IX**AUXILIARIES**

1. There shall be an Auxiliary Historical Society in each annual conference, to be appointed or elected in whatever manner the conference may decide, whose duties it shall be to preserve the records of the conference, gather and preserve all data referring to its organization, past history, former members, together with a record of current items of importance.

2. Each annual conference shall appoint one of the members of the conference to serve as Historian.

Article X**HISTORICAL COUNCIL**

The members of the Board of Trustees, the Curators of the various depositories, and the annual conference historians shall constitute a Historical Council, which shall meet quadrennially at the call of the Board of Trustees to promote interest in and appreciation of the glorious deeds of the heroes of our past.

Article XI**AMENABILITY**

The Historical Society of The Evangelical United Brethren Church shall be amenable to the General Conference, to which it shall submit its proceedings for ratification.

Article XII**AMENDMENTS**

This Constitution can be amended only by the General Conference.

Article XIII**BY-LAWS**

The Board of Trustees shall have power to make any necessary By-Laws to govern its work, but such By-Laws must be in harmony with the foregoing Constitution.

Respectfully Submitted,

WALTER E. ROUSH, *Chairman*;

HERMANN W. KAEBNICK, *Secretary*.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SPIRITUAL AIMS AND THE MISSIONS AND BENEVOLENCE BUDGET

(Reference Material)

PREFACE

To the General Conference of The Evangelical United Brethren Church, assembled in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, this report is respectfully submitted.

The report has been prepared in keeping with the authorization and instructions of the Joint Commissions on Church Union.

The recommendations and suggested methods of procedure are set forth under the following major captions:

- I. Spiritual Emphasis During the First Quadrennium
- II. Missions and Benevolence Budget
- III. Special Campaigns and Other Items
- IV. Proposed Forms for Pastors' Annual Report Blanks

Signed:

COMMITTEE

I. SPIRITUAL EMPHASIS DURING THE FIRST QUADRENNIUM

It is our conviction that an outline of spiritual aims and objectives can and will prove helpful in unifying our work. Therefore, with a view to harmony and continuity in our united efforts, the following program is recommended:

General Theme for the Quadrennium: Forward Together with Christ.

Scripture Text: Matthew 9:9—"Follow Me."

Theme Hymn: "Jesus Calls Us."

Aim: To meet and serve the need of our day unitedly in the name of Christ.

General Objectives:

1. The quickening of the faith of the church in the adequacy of Jesus Christ for the redemption of all men and an ordered world.
2. A more effective witness for Christ, and a more helpful ministry to mankind.
3. A revitalization of the church through a deepened Christian experience on the part of every member.
4. An evangelistic passion in every local church, and at least 160,000 souls brought to Christ and into the church on confession of faith during the quadrennium.
5. An earnest effort be made to conserve for the church Evangelical United Brethren people who have moved into the community and hold membership elsewhere.
6. A rediscovery and acceptance of the essential elements and values of the Christian home.
7. An enlistment of more Christian stewards in dedication of life, time, talents and possessions.
8. The rehabilitation, strengthening and expansion of our missionary enterprise.
9. Increased support through endowment income, and added equipment for our seminaries.
10. Provisions for assisting our ministerial students by means of scholarship endowment funds.
11. A program of fellowship with and assistance for war-suffering peoples.

First Year's Emphasis—1947-1948

Theme: Forward Together with Christ in Fellowship.

Scripture Text: I Corinthians 1:9—"God is faithful, by (through) whom ye were called under the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord."

Aim: To quicken the spirit and enlarge the area of united fellowship and Christian witness.

Objectives:

1. To develop the consciousness and foster the practice of fellowship in local churches, conferences, and in the denomination.
2. To seek, as believers in Christ, to apply the Christian teaching to all areas of moral, social, economic and political life.
3. To render a definite ministry in relief, comfort, and courage to the sorrowing and suffering peoples of the world through Christian comradeship and sacrificial sharing.
4. To develop and deepen within the church a sense of missionary responsibility at home and abroad.
5. To make the deepened missionary spirit concrete by the enlisting and supporting of an adequate number of new missionaries for our work at home and abroad.
6. To seek the realization of an adequate amount for rehabilitation and the expansion of our missionary enterprise.
7. To enlist at least 150 new life work recruits for the Christian ministry and missions.

Second Year's Emphasis—1948-1949

Theme: Forward Together with Christ in Service.

Scripture Text: Matthew 23:11—"But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant."

Aim: The realization of greater usefulness to Christ and his Church through self-giving service.

Objectives:

1. To reappraise the service and contributions of the Church to the spiritual and material needs of mankind and to enlist the total membership of the church in this ministry.
2. To cultivate throughout our church the use of material things for spiritual purposes.
3. To train our people in cooperative service, both in the denomination and in the larger fellowship.
4. To train our people in the use of basic and historic sources of the Christian religion.
5. To manifest the "Good Samaritan" spirit of service among the suffering and needy peoples of the world, and to raise an adequate amount for this purpose.
6. To continue the enlistment of missionaries and the securing of their support.
7. To complete the raising of needed money for our expansion and rehabilitation projects.
8. Preparation for future missionary service through our united fellowship.
9. To enlist at least 150 new life work recruits for the Christian ministry and missions.

Third Year's Emphasis—1949-1950

Theme: Forward Together with Christ in Training.

Scripture Text: II Timothy 2:15—"Study (be diligent) to show thyself

approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

Aim: To inspire ministers and laymen to adequately prepare themselves in mind and spirit for the challenging tasks of the Kingdom.

Objectives:

1. To enlist an adequate number of teachers in local, community, and conference training classes in leadership education.
2. To seek the realization of a 20% increased enrollment and average attendance in our Sunday schools.
3. To foster and expand our youth work through an effective youth program in every local church.
4. To enroll at least one student for every local church in one of our colleges, making a net increase of at least 25% in attendance at each college.
5. To increase the attendance in our seminaries to a total of 300.
6. To enlist at least 150 new life work recruits for the Christian ministry and missions.

Fourth Year's Emphasis—1950-1951

Theme: Forward Together with Christ in Worship.

Scripture Texts: Luke 4:8—"Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve," and John 4:24—"God is a spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth."

Aim: To help the entire membership of the church experience the presence of God in worship, and to consecrate their lives to his service.

Objectives:

1. To enrich the spiritual quality of worship and to promote increased attendance in the worship services.
2. To encourage private devotions as the ideal for every life, and family worship as the ideal for every home.
3. To seek observance of the Holy Communion by the entire membership of the church.
4. To cultivate and encourage a proper use of our great hymns as an enriching contribution to helpful worship.
5. To exalt the giving of tithes and offerings as a definite and regular act of worship.
6. To use the Lord's Prayer as it appears in Matthew 6:9-13, with the words *debts* and *debtors*.
7. To enlist at least 150 new life work recruits for the Christian ministry and missions.

II. MISSIONS AND BENEVOLENCE BUDGET

Sharing is a basic principle of our Christian religion. Too often the raising of money in the churches is far removed from the vital motive of giving for Christ's sake and for Kingdom purposes.

When men resort to cheap money-raising devices, artful trickery and unorthodox methods, they becloud the true meaning of church membership, weaken the morale, and dissipate the energy of such membership.

The right way to raise church money is to give it, not on a sporadic, purely emotional, or special-interest basis, but as a Christian steward. Giving money has to do with people more than things. It is personality in readily usable fashion to promote Kingdom interests.

In missions and benevolence giving, an accepted ideal to be constantly striven for is to give as much to and for others as we use for our own church needs. The frontier of our parish extends far beyond the most distant residence of our members. The periphery extends around the world. We are debtors to the total missionary, educational, institutional, and benevolence

program of the church. General causes as well as conference interests and local needs, have rightful claim upon us. We will do well to keep these objects of our stewardship and Christian sharing in true balance and proper proportion.

Guiding Principles for Determining Allocations

After careful study of the problems involved in calculating, adjusting and assigning allocations for general causes and conference interests the following statement and recommendations were agreed upon:

1. A careful study of the combined Missions and Benevolence Budgets of the uniting denominations reveals the fact that the Church of the United Brethren in Christ has during the years of its development of the unified budget laid major emphasis on the support of the missionary, educational, and benevolent institutions through the denominational Benevolence Budget which has resulted in the allocation of the lesser part of such unified budget for purely annual conference interests. Its current total budget is \$700,000, of which \$402,994 is allocated to the annual conferences for general causes and \$297,006 for conference interests. On the other hand, in the Evangelical Church the Enlarged Missions and Benevolence Budget provides for the larger portion of such unified budget to be allocated for conference interests. Its current total budget is \$990,748, of which \$307,006 is allocated to the annual conferences for general causes and \$683,742 for conference interests.

2. Because of the facts cited in the preceding paragraph it is agreed that in the united church earnest effort will need to be made to correlate more and more on an equitable basis the allocations for general causes and conference interests. At the same time it is also agreed that in the light of the studies that have been made it will be necessary for the first quadrennium at least, in adjusting and assigning apportionments, to be guided by the limitations set forth in the Evangelical United Brethren Discipline, paragraphs 592 and 593. These are as follows:

"At the beginning of each quadrennium, the General Conference upon recommendation of the General Council of Administration, shall allocate to each Annual Conference a minimum annual quota for General Causes and an additional quota for Annual Conference interests. The total quota shall be allocated to the Charges or Local Churches by the Annual Conference, upon recommendation of the Conference Council of Administration. General Causes shall include Board of Missions, Colleges, Theological Schools, Board of Pensions, Benevolent Institutions participating in the Missions and Benevolence Budget, Board of Christian Education, Episcopal Fund, General Conference Expense, General Council of Administration, Contingent Fund, and such other General Causes as the General Conference may designate. Conference Interests shall include Conference Missions, including appropriations for pastor's salary and rent, and for interest; Annual Conference expense, including administrative expense, Conference Superintendent's salary and travel expense, apportionment for the Conference Board of Christian Education, apportionment for the Conference Board of Missions, Conference Contingent Fund, Conference debt reduction, Conference claimants, and such other Conference interests as the Annual Conference may approve.

"For the first quadrennium of The Evangelical United Brethren Church, the two quotas allocated to the Annual Conferences shall bear approximately the same relation in each Annual Conference as prevailed between the contributions for General Causes and for Annual Conference interests in that Annual Conference during the previous quadrennium. When the quotas are to be set for the second and subsequent quadrenniums a careful study again shall be made by the General Council of Administration of the whole program of needs and allocations, and any changes or adjustments in quotas shall be made with due regard to the current needs in each Annual Conference."

3. In the light of all the facts and problems which the survey has

revealed it is agreed to present the following recommendations to the Joint Commissions on Church Union and to the General Conference of The Evangelical United Brethren Church:

(a) That the allocations for general causes as made to the annual conferences of the Church of the United Brethren by the General Conference in May, 1945, shall be the allocations for general causes to those annual conferences for the first quadrennium of the united church.

(b) That since an increase of 10% for general causes is at this time becoming effective throughout the Evangelical Church and an immediate further increase of 11½% as required on the basis of the five-factor formula might work a hardship, instead a further increase of 6% for general causes shall be provided by the Evangelical Church and allocations to its annual conferences made accordingly for the first quadrennium of the united church.

(c) That the allocations to the several annual conferences for conference interests, as they have been assigned for the Church of the United Brethren by its General Conference, and as they will be set for the Evangelical Church by its General Conference, shall be the allocations representing each denomination for the first quadrennium of the united church.

(d) That an *over-all statement* (see below) of our missionary and benevolence contributions in which the gifts of our women's organizations, the payment of local churches toward the Ministerial Pension Fund, and the offerings and special gifts to our benevolent homes shall be reflected along with the total amount provided in our general Missions and Benevolence Budget—this brief outline of the total missionary and benevolence contributions to be set up just ahead of the allocations provided in the general Missions and Benevolence Budget.

Over-All Statement of Benevolence and Missionary Contributions

In view of the fact that our Missions and Benevolence Budget does not include all our benevolence and missionary contributions; and, in order that we may have a more comprehensive picture of our total annual giving for benevolence and missionary purposes, the following brief over-all setup will indicate our anticipated contributions—these are estimated amounts based on a three-year average.

For Conference Interests

CONFERENCE MISSIONS

From Missions and Benevolence Budget	\$290,574	
By special offerings	135,456	\$426,030

OTHER CONFERENCE WORK

From Missions and Benevolence Budget	\$536,432	
By Special offerings	82,839	\$619,271

For General Causes

For a detailed explanation of the items marked with an asterisk (*) we call your attention to the itemized allocations to departments and institutions as set forth under the **Missions and Benevolence Budget Appropriations.**

ADMINISTRATIVE WORK

*From the Missions and Benevolence Budget \$ 98,000

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

*From the Missions and Benevolence Budget 245,300

EVANGELISM AND SOCIAL ACTION

*From the Missions and Benevolence Budget \$ 13,200

By special offerings (for Temperance, etc). 25,000 38,200

HOMES AND ORPHANAGES

*From the Missions and Benevolence Budget 9,500

By special offerings and gifts 285,500 295,000

MISSIONARY WORK

*From the Missions and Benevolence Budget 245,000

By Women's Society of World Service (estimated) 600,000

By Youth Fellowship (estimated) 75,000 920,000

PENSION FUND

*From the Missions and Benevolence Budget 74,000

By local churches (3% of cash salary) 150,000 224,000

INTERDENOMINATIONAL WORK

*From the Missions and Benevolence Budget 4,000

By Women's Society of World Service 4,500

By special offerings for World Relief 100,000 108,500

CONTINGENT FUND

*From the Missions and Benevolence Budget \$ 21,000

Total Benevolence and Missionary Contributions \$2,975,301

Allocations for General Causes and Conference Interests

Conference	Total Quota	Gen. Causes	Conf. Interests
Allegheny	\$ 56,400	\$ 36,096—64%	\$ 20,304—36%
Atlantic	21,246	6,586—31%	14,660—69%
California (E)	13,400	4,158—31%	9,242—69%
California (UB)	8,760	3,679—42%	5,081—58%
Canada	20,143	9,843—49%	10,300—51%
Central Pennsylvania	108,000	35,595—33%	72,405—67%
Colorado (E)	13,000	3,217—25%	9,783—75%
Colorado-New Mexico (UB) ..	5,800	2,146—37%	3,654—63%
East Ohio	36,380	20,373—56%	16,007—44%
East Pennsylvania (E)	66,817	24,817—37%	42,000—63%
East Pennsylvania (UB)	76,500	52,785—69%	23,715—31%
Erie	20,000	8,600—43%	11,400—57%
Florida	1,440	346—24%	1,094—76%
Illinois (E)	81,875	26,281—32%	55,594—68%
Illinois (UB)	38,130	22,497—59%	15,633—41%
Indiana (E)	55,545	18,965—34%	36,580—66%
Indiana (UB)	17,500	7,000—40%	10,500—60%
Iowa (E)	39,782	14,432—36%	25,350—64%
Iowa (UB)	16,280	7,652—47%	8,628—53%
Kansas (E)	38,161	12,061—32%	26,100—68%
Kansas (UB)	29,500	15,340—52%	14,160—48%
Miami	48,000	30,240—63%	17,760—37%
Michigan (E)	90,441	21,156—23%	69,285—77%
Michigan (UB)	9,000	3,330—37%	5,670—63%
Minnesota (E)	54,182	14,182—26%	40,000—74%
Minnesota (UB)	3,750	1,387—37%	2,363—63%
Missouri	4,900	1,862—38%	3,038—62%
Montana (E)	6,833	1,373—20%	5,460—80%
Montana (UB)	1,440	518—36%	922—64%
Nebraska (E)	30,000	7,666—26%	22,334—74%
Nebraska (UB)	11,600	5,336—46%	6,264—54%
New England	3,468	1,318—38%	2,150—62%
New York	23,890	9,090—38%	14,800—62%
Northwest Canada	9,000	2,408—27%	6,592—73%
North Dakota	20,183	5,183—26%	15,000—74%
Ohio	90,000	29,897—33%	60,103—67%
Oklahoma	7,200	2,808—39%	4,392—61%
Oregon-Washington (E)	47,569	7,569—16%	40,000—84%
Oregon (UB)	5,700	1,995—35%	3,705—65%
Pennsylvania	72,000	49,680—69%	22,320—31%
Pittsburgh	53,742	21,898—41%	31,844—59%
St. Joseph	43,500	27,405—63%	16,095—37%
Sandusky	43,500	25,230—58%	18,270—42%
South Dakota	15,450	3,550—23%	11,900—77%
Southeast Ohio	37,750	20,385—54%	17,365—46%
Tennessee	5,720	2,174—38%	3,546—62%
Texas	6,236	1,176—19%	5,060—81%
Virginia	25,000	13,750—55%	11,250—45%
West Virginia	25,000	10,500—42%	14,500—58%
White River	42,500	26,775—63%	15,725—37%
Wisconsin (E)	81,785	24,585—30%	57,200—70%
Wisconsin (UB)	6,750	3,105—46%	3,645—54%
	\$1,690,748	\$710,000—42%	\$980,748—58%

Missions and Benevolence Budget Appropriations

Appropriations to the various departments and institutions from the Missions and Benevolence Budget, as set up for General Causes, are given in the following tabulations:

GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE WORK

Episcopal Fund	\$ 63,000
General Council of Administration	18,000
General Church Treasurer's Office	10,000
General Conference Fund	7,000

GENERAL DEPARTMENTS

Board of Christian Education	39,000
Board of Missions	245,000
Board of Pensions	74,000
Commission on Evangelism	12,000
Commission on Christian Social Action	1,200
Ministerial Student Gift Fund	3,500
Sunday School and Tract Union	1,000

EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

Bonebrake Theological Seminary	37,000
Evangelical Theological Seminary	14,500
Evangelical School of Theology	10,500
Albright College	19,000
Indiana Central College	22,500
Lebanon Valley College	12,500
North Central College	19,000
Otterbein College	12,500
Shenandoah College	12,000
Western Union College	18,000
York College	22,500
Philomath College Trustees	1,800

HOMES AND ORPHANAGES

Baker Home for Aged (non-participating)	
Flat Rock Children's Home (non-participating)	
Haven Hubbard Home	4,000
Lewisburg Home	1,000
Otterbein Home (non-participating)	
Pacific Old People's Home	500
Philadelphia Home of Aged	4,000
Quincy Home and Orphanage (non-participating)	
Western Old People's Home (non-participating)	

CONTINGENT FUND

For interdenominational work	4,000
For miscellaneous items	21,000

Total Missions and Benevolence Budget for General Causes\$71,000

Salary Provisions

The Bishops, Secretaries and Treasurer shall be paid in full out of the monies allocated to their respective funds or departments. The Publishing Agents and Editors shall be paid in full by the Publishing Houses as has been the custom in the past. The General Conference officials shall be paid from the General Conference Fund.

Wherever a Bishop's parsonage is not provided by the Bishop's area, or a house is not provided by the Department for a General Officer, we recommend a rental allowance for Bishops and General Officers of \$720 per year.

In addition to his salary, each Bishop shall receive an allowance for stenographic help and postage (not to exceed \$250 per year) for the work of his area. Whenever the General Church of the Board of Bishops makes a specific assignment to a Bishop beyond his areal duties and such assignment

requires stenographic help and travel expense, such expense shall, upon authorization of the Board of Bishops, be paid out of the miscellaneous appropriation to the Episcopal Fund.

The following salary scale is recommended for the ensuing quadrennium:

Active Bishops (each)	\$5,000
Publishing Agents (each)	5,000
General Secretaries and Associate Secretaries (each)	4,000
Editors and Associate Editors (each)	4,000
Recording Secretary of the General Conference	150
Reading Secretary of the General Conference	75

III. SPECIAL CAMPAIGNS AND OTHER ITEMS

In addition to the Missions and Benevolence Budget allocations there are special interests which request approval of the General Conference in order that these special campaigns might go forward during the quadrennium with proper authorization. These special campaigns and other items for your consideration are herewith submitted:

Missionary Campaign

We recommend that a campaign for \$1,000,000 be promoted by the Board of Missions throughout the united church during the first year of 1947-1948, said funds to be used for extension and rehabilitation purposes in our mission work. This campaign is for the completion of programs and work already authorized by the 1942 General Conference of The Evangelical Church and the 1945 General Conference of the United Brethren Church.

Seminary and College Campaigns

We recommend that the financial campaigns for Albright College and School of Theology, Bonebrake Theological Seminary, North Central College and Theological Seminary, as approved by the recent General Conferences of The Evangelical Church and the United Brethren Church, be approved by the uniting General Conference as a part of our financial program for the ensuing quadrennium.

Council of Administration and Superintendents

We recommend that Conference Superintendents be called to sit in joint session with the General Council of Administration once during the quadrennium, and that areal sessions of the Conference Superintendents be held in each Bishop's area annually as may be determined by the Bishop.

The New Fiscal Year

We recommend that the fiscal year of the Board of Administration of the United Brethren Church and the Administrative Council of The Evangelical Church close on June 30, 1947, and that the fiscal year of the Council of Administration of The Evangelical United Brethren Church begin with July 1, 1947.

Factors for Figuring Budget Quotas

We recommend the five following factors as the bases for determining budget quotas to each annual conference for the succeeding quadrennium: (1) church membership; (2) average Sunday school attendance; (3) net property value; (4) total local current expense; (5) total missionary and benevolence contributions.

A Survey of the Conference

We recommend that the Council of Administration make a complete survey of the 52 annual conferences and the various general interests of the denomination during the first quadrennium as a means toward planning budget recommendations to the General Conference for the second quadrennium.

Quadrennial Manual and Annual Textbook

We recommend that a Quadrennial Manual, as an item of promotional material, and an annual textbook, giving emphasis to the yearly theme, be prepared under the direction of the Executive Secretary of the Council of Administration.

Statistics and Reports

We recommend that the Executive Secretary of the Council of Administration serve as the general statistician of the denomination, and that he be authorized to function as the denominational representative to give monthly releases to papers concerning the work of the church.

Secretary of Evangelism

We recommend that the Legal Committee be requested to prepare an enabling act to be presented to the Uniting General Conference authorizing the election, by the General Conference, of a Secretary of Evangelism.

Editing of Discipline

We recommend that the editing of the Discipline, in light of General Conference actions, be referred to the Board of Bishops, and any expense involved therewith be charged to the General Conference Expense Fund.

IV. PROPOSED FORMS FOR PASTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT BLANKS

Note: The following forms are being recommended by the Joint Committee for Pastor's Annual Report Blanks and the Statistical Chart for the denomination in The Evangelical United Brethren Church.

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Table I Ministry and Membership

1. Number of Organized Congregations
2. Number of Appointments not Organized
3. Itinerant Ministers—Active
4. Itinerant Ministers—Supernumerary
5. Itinerant Ministers—Superannuated
6. Local Ministers
7. Probationers
8. Members reported at Close of Last Year (Be sure this is the figure reported last year in Item 13)
9. Gain during Conference Year by:
 - a. Confession of Faith
 - b. Certificate of Transfer
(Evangelical-U. B. Church)
 - c. Certificate of Membership
(Other Denominations)
 - d. Change of Boundary
 - e. Total Gain
10. Loss during Conference Year by:
 - a. Death
 - b. Certificate of Transfer
(Evangelical-U. B. Church)
 - c. Certificate of Membership
(Other Denominations)
 - d. Without Certificate
 - e. Expulsion
 - f. Change of Boundary (Conference Statistician Note: On report for the Conference gain by Change of Boundary and loss by Change of Boundary must equal each other unless the change involves another Conference.)
 - g. Total Loss
11. Net Gain (Report difference here if 9.e is greater than 10.g)
12. Net Loss (Report difference here if 10.g is greater than 9.e)

13. Present Membership (8 plus 11 or 8 minus 12)
14. Non-resident Members
15. Members under 13 Years of Age
16. Conversions (Include all received on Confession of Faith)
17. Baptisms—Adult
18. Baptisms—Infant

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Table II Christian Education and Other Organizations

19. Number of Sunday Schools
20. Officers and Teachers (Do not recount in enrollment by Divisions)
21. Enrollment Children's Division (Birth to and including 11)
22. Enrollment Young People's Division (12 to and including 24)
23. Enrollment Adult Division (25 and over)
24. Enrollment Home Department
25. Total Sunday School Enrollment (Items 20 to 24)
26. Average Attendance (Average per Sunday—Divide Total for Year by Number of Sessions)
27. Number Added to the Church from Sunday School during Year
28. Enrolled in Vacation Church Schools
29. Enrolled in Week-day Church Schools
30. Enrolled in Leadership Education Courses
31. Number of Catechetical and/or Pastor's Classes
32. Enrollment of Catechetical and/or Pastor's Classes
33. Number of Adult C. E. Leagues
34. Number of Young People's C. E. Leagues
35. Number of Senior and /or Intermediate C. E. Leagues
36. Number of Junior C. E. Leagues
37. Total Number of Christian Endeavor Leagues
38. Enrollment Adult C. E. Leagues
39. Enrollment Young People's C. E. Leagues
40. Enrollment Senior and/or Intermediate C. E. Leagues
41. Enrollment Junior C. E. Leagues
42. Total Membership of Christian Endeavor Leagues
43. Number of Brotherhoods
44. Participating Members in Brotherhoods
45. Number of Women's Societies of World Service
46. Members in Women's Societies of World Service
47. Number of _____ Guilds
48. Members in _____ Guilds (Add other missionary groups as World Friendship Circle, Mission Band, etc.)
49. Number of Ladies' Aid Societies
50. Members in Ladies' Aid Societies

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Table III Congregational Property

51. Number of churches
52. Number of Parsonages
53. Value of Churches
54. Value of Parsonages
55. Value of Other Congregational Property
56. Total Value Congregational Property
57. Indebtedness on Churches

58. Indebtedness on Parsonages
59. Indebtedness on Other Congregational Property
60. Restricted Funds in Reserve and/or Trust Funds

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Table IV Finances

A. Missions and Benevolences

61. Missions and Benevolence Budget Apportionment
62. Paid on Missions and Benevolence Apportionment
63. Missions and Benevolence Contributions **not** in Budget Apportionment:
 - a. Women's Society of World Service and Auxiliary Contributions (not including Guilds)
 - b. _____ Guild Contributions
 - c. Miscellaneous—Missions
 - d. Homes and Orphanages
 - e. General Board of Pensions Apportionment
 - f. Miscellaneous—Denominational Benevolence
 - g. Miscellaneous—Non-denominational Benevolence
64. Total Missions and Benevolence Contributions **not** in Budget Apportionment
65. Total for Missions and Benevolence (62 plus 64)

B. Local Expenditures

66. Minister's Cash Salary from Field
67. Value of Parsonage Rent
68. From Appropriation
69. Total Support of Minister
70. Other Current Expense including Maintenance—Congregational (See Item 79)
71. Sunday School Expenditures not in other items in this Table IV
72. Vacation and Week-day School Expenditures not in other items in this Table IV
73. Christian Endeavor League Expenditures not in other items in this Table IV
74. Brotherhood Expenditures not in other items in this Table IV
75. Women's Society of World Service and Auxiliary Expenditures (not including Guilds) not in other items in this Table IV
76. _____ Guild Expenditures not in other items in this Table IV
77. Ladies' Aid Society Expenditures not in other items in this Table IV
78. Paid on New Buildings
79. Paid on Improvements (Major and not included in 70)
80. Paid on Indebtedness
81. Paid on Interest
82. Total Local Expenditures (66 to 82 not including 68 and 69)
83. Total for All Purposes (65 plus 82)
84. Average per Member for Missions and Benevolence
85. Average per Member for All Purposes (To get averages use Present Membership as reported in Item 13)

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Table V Literature

NOTE: The items for this Table cannot be arranged until the Board of Publication of the united church has determined the periodicals and literature to be published.

Table VI Conference Statistics*(To be filled in by Conference Statistician only)*

1. Number of Charges
2. Number of District Parsonages
3. Value, District Parsonages
4. Value, Other Conference Property
5. Paid Interest on Conference Indebtedness
6. Paid on Conference Indebtedness
7. Remaining Conference Indebtedness

Analysis of Missions and Benevolence Giving

8. Total Paid by Conference on Missions and Benevolence Budgets
 - a. ____% to General Causes
 - b. ____% to Conference Interests (Items 8.a and 8.b together must equal Item 8)

A. Missions

9. Contributions for Missions:
 - a. ____% from General Causes, Item 8.a, for Missions
 - b. ____% from Conference Interests, Item 8.b for Conference Missions
 - c. Women's Society of World Service and Auxiliary Contributions (not including Guilds) (As reported in Table IV, Item 63.b.)
 - d. _____ Guild Contributions (Table IV, Item 63.b.)
 - e. Miscellaneous—Missions (Table IV, Item 63.c)
10. Total Contributions for Missions (Total of 9)

B. Benevolence

11. Contributions for Benevolence:
 - a. ____% from General Causes, Item 8.a, for Benevolence
 - b. ____% from Conference Interests, Item 8.b, for Benevolence
 - c. Homes and Orphanages (Table IV, Item 63.d)
 - d. General Board of Pensions Apportionment (Table IV, Item 63.e)
 - e. Miscellaneous—Denominational Benevolence (Table IV, Item 63.f)
 - f. Miscellaneous—Non-denominational Benevolence (Table IV, Item 63.g)
12. Total Contributions for Benevolence (Total of 11)
(Total of 10 and 12 must equal Item 65 in Table IV)

NOTE: The above statistics are for the Conference as a whole.

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Table VII General Church Property*(To be filled in by General Church Statistician)*

1. Number of Colleges
2. Value of College Plants
3. Debts on College Plants
4. Amount of Productive Endowment
5. Number of Theological Seminaries
6. Value of Seminary Plants
7. Debts on Seminary Plants
8. Amount of Productive Endowment
9. Number of Printing Establishments
10. Value of Printing Establishments
11. Debts on Printing Establishments
12. Number of Homes and Orphanages
13. Value of Homes and Orphanages
14. Debts on Homes and Orphanages

15. Amount of Productive Endowment
16. Number of Mission Institutions
17. Value of Mission Institutions
18. Debts on Mission Institutions
19. Amount of Endowment and Loan Funds

Summary

20. Total value of all Church Property

Note: This includes item 56, Table III; items 3 and 4, Table VI; items 2, 6, 10, 13 and 17, Table VII.

21. Total debts on all Church Property

Note: This includes items 57, 58 and 59, Table III; item 7, Table VI; items 3, 7, 11, 14 and 15, Table VII.

22. Total net value of all Church Property (20 less 21)

23. Total Endowment and Loan Funds

Note: This includes items 4, 8, 15 and 19, Table VII.

NOTE: The above table is for the assembling of denominational statistics, and is to be filled in by the Denominational Statistician after conference statistics have been assembled.

MEMORIALS—DIVERSIFIED

(No copy was submitted for a few memorials mentioned in record.)

PRONUNCIATION OF THE NAME OF THE CHURCH

WHEREAS, in any marriage, the contracting parties should agree not only upon the content of the name but also upon its pronunciation; and

WHEREAS, there is a wide divergence among the members of both former communions making up our Church, in the pronunciation of the word "Evangelical";

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That this General Conference establish an official standard of pronunciation for our church name, and that this matter be referred to the Committee on Christian Education.

CONCERNING PUBLICATIONS

Church Hymnal

WHEREAS, a memorial has been received asking for a new church hymnal, such book to include some of the best hymns of recent composition, more material for responsive reading and order of service, and prayers; and

WHEREAS, the existence and use of such new hymnal in the congregation of The Evangelical United Brethren Church would not only serve as an aid to worship but also contribute to the unity of the body, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that we refer to the General Conference of The Evangelical United Brethren Church for favorable consideration the matter of a new hymnal in the denomination.

Bookstore on West Coast

WHEREAS, there has come to this Conference a memorial request for a bookstore on the West Coast; be it

RESOLVED, that we refer the matter involved in this memorial to the General Conference of The Evangelical United Brethren Church.

Ministers' Magazine

WHEREAS, there has come to this conference a memorial asking for a ministers' monthly, and another asking for a ministers' quarterly, be it

RESOLVED; that we refer the matter involved in these memorials to the General Conference of The Evangelical United Brethren Church.

CHURCH FEDERATION AND UNION IN CANADA

I. Canada Conference and Union with the United Church of Canada

WHEREAS, a memorial has been presented to this General Conference from the Canada Conference that said Conference be authorized to take a roll call verbal vote with "Yes" or "No" on the question:

"Shall the Canada Conference of the Evangelical Church proceed forthwith to enter the United Church of Canada, and to continue her witness and influence in Canada within the fellowship of the said United Church of Canada according to the basis of agreement submitted?" and

WHEREAS, the said memorial petitions that the vote be taken at its 1947 conference session provided that all procedures have sufficiently matured, or at some subsequent session as soon as the necessary procedures have been completed; and

WHEREAS, through a period of fifty years the Canada Conference has had conversations with the Methodist Church in Canada and subsequently with the United Church of Canada, regarding the question of union, and have now arrived at a Basis of Agreement whereby the Canada Conference of the Evangelical Church may enter the United Church of Canada; and

WHEREAS, previous actions of General Conferences as referred to in the

action of the 1942 General Conference relative to this matter, as indicated in the report on Church Federation and Union, page 179, 1942 Journal, have virtually committed us to favorable procedure and ultimate action in regard to this matter; and

WHEREAS, there are no temporal impediments as to the relation of the Canada Conference with the Evangelical Church, excepting certain settlements in regard to the Pension Fund, procedure for which has been outlined (see page 142, Reports to the 34th Session).

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we hereby approve the procedures of the Commission on Church Federation and Union, both of the Evangelical Church and of the Canada Conference in regard to this matter; and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Canada Conference be authorized to take a vote at its 1947 or some subsequent session during the quadrennium (1946-1950) upon the question:

"Shall the Canada Conference of the Evangelical Church proceed forthwith to enter the United Church of Canada, and to continue her witness and influence in Canada within the fellowship of the said United Church of Canada according to the Basis of Agreement submitted?" and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that in the event of an affirmative vote, all final adjustments and adjudications shall be subject to the guidance and approval of the Council of Administration of The Evangelical United Brethren Church, which shall satisfy itself that the Canada conference has secured the necessary releases from all persons who through the Canada Conference might now or at some future time be beneficiaries of the Pension Fund of The Evangelical United Brethren Church; and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that in the event of a negative vote, the Canada Conference be and is authorized to continue a Commission on Church Federation and Union.

WHEREAS, there is an action of General Conference, i.e.,

"That it is our firm conviction that any negotiations looking toward Union of the Canada Conference of the Evangelical Church with the United Church of Canada must include the Northwest Canada Conference as well;" and

WHEREAS, the Northwest Canada Conference, through its representatives, has declared itself as not in favor of union with the United Church of Canada and has expressed its strong desire to remain with the Evangelical Church (The Evangelical-United Brethren Church after declaration of Union); therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that nothing herein before stated with reference to the Canada Conference, shall in any wise relate to the present status of the Northwest Canada Conference.

DR. H. E. MUELLER, *Chairman*
JOHN F. SCHAEFER, *Secretary*

RELATIVE TO CHURCH EXTENSION

I. WHEREAS, the recommendation has been presented to this General Conference from the Joint Committee of Eighteen, that two ministers and two laymen be nominated with a knowledge of the operation of the Board of Church Extension of the Evangelical Church on the Board of Missions of The Evangelical United Brethren Church, therefore,

RESOLVED, we approve of this procedure and recommend that the Nominating Committee present these nominees.

II. RESOLVED, that we concur in the judgment of the Executive Secretary-Treasurer and the Board of Church Extension that the following be regarded as major needs in the program of Church Extension and that this statement of need be referred to the General Conference of The Evangelical United Brethren Church with the suggestion it be referred to the Board of Missions of The Evangelical United Brethren Church.

1. **The need for Larger Loans for the Churches.** It has become increasingly difficult to negotiate loans from agencies other than those of the Church. Unless our churches can obtain sizeable loans from individuals in their communities, they will need much larger loans than our Board has been accustomed to granting.

2. **The need for Careful Financial Planning by the Churches.** A few years ago the board adopted a resolution urging our churches to have at least fifty per cent of the total cost of their building projects in cash before construction is actually undertaken. If we are to avoid some of the financial calamities of a former period such a procedure is absolutely essential.

3. **The need for a Church-wide Architectural Program.** We have come to the time when this too-long neglected task must become a major concern of the Church. Provision ought to be made immediately following Union for an aggressive church-wide architectural program of professional quality and dimensions.

III. WHEREAS, our congregations throughout the denomination have responded favorably to the "New Loan Plan" which has been in operation during the past quadrennium, therefore,

RESOLVED:

1. That we recommend the continuance of this plan in the Department of Church Extension of The Evangelical United Brethren Church, and

2. That this recommendation be referred to the General Conference of The Evangelical United Brethren Church, with the suggestion that it be referred to the Board of Missions of The Evangelical United Brethren Church.

IV. WHEREAS, we recognize the need for increased resources in order that we may be prepared to respond to the growing need for the ministry of this agency, therefore,

RESOLVED:

1. That we recommend a study of ways and means by which the loaning fund of the Department of Church Extension might be increased, and

2. That this recommendation be referred to the General Conference of The Evangelical United Brethren Church with the suggestion that it be referred to the Board of Missions of The Evangelical United Brethren Church.

CONCERNING SALARIES OF EXECUTIVES OF THE W. S. W. S.

WHEREAS, the Women's Society of World Service nominates the women members of the Board of Missions of The Evangelical United Brethren Church; and

WHEREAS, the Women's Society of World Service nominates the Executive Secretary and Associate Secretary of this organization; and

WHEREAS, the Women's Society of World Service employs its own office force and fixes their remuneration,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the salaries of the Executive Secretary and Associate Secretary and honorariums of other of the officers be determined by the Women's Council of the Women's Society of World Service, with the approval of the Board of Missions or Executive Committee, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be referred to the first General Conference of The Evangelical United Brethren Church.

RELATIVE TO BOUNDARIES

Montana Conference

WHEREAS, the Montana Conference of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ and the Montana Conference of the Evangelical Church have been working together in close co-operation through summer assemblies and in other ways for the past nine years; and

WHEREAS, the members of these two bodies are desirous of complete and final union, thus forming one conference of seventeen fields, with one

superintendent, thereby eliminating considerable administrative expense; and

WHEREAS, there is absolutely no overlapping of work on any field; and

WHEREAS, the Montana Conference of the Evangelical Church requests permission to effect the union of the two conferences within the ensuing quadrennium; and

WHEREAS, similar action was taken by the Montana Conference of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ at its 1946 session; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the request be referred to the General Conference of The Evangelical United Brethren Church for favorable consideration.

Oregon-Washington Conference

WHEREAS, the Oregon-Washington Conference of the Evangelical Church has petitioned General Conference for authority to unite with Oregon Conference of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ during the ensuing quadrennium; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that we look with favor upon this request and refer it to the General Conference of The Evangelical United Brethren Church.

Washington-Baltimore Area—Urban Unification

WHEREAS, a group of Evangelical ministers of the Washington-Baltimore area of the Evangelical Church requests the General Conference of the Evangelical Church to make a study of the advisability of setting up an Urban Unification Program in this area and in Philadelphia; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the request be referred to the General Conference of The Evangelical United Brethren Church with the recommendation that during the ensuing quadrennium a study be made by the annual conferences involved under the direction of the conference superintendents and the bishops of these conferences and that the actions thereon of said conferences be submitted to the next session of the General Conference.

RELATIVE TO CHURCH HISTORY AND DISPLAYING NAMES OF CHURCHES

I. HISTORICAL SOCIETY

WHEREAS, we have carefully considered the memorial of the General Historical Society recommending celebration of the one hundred fiftieth year of our corporate life and activities as the Evangelical Church in 1950, therefore

RESOLVED, that we recommend to the General Conference of The Evangelical United Brethren Church the prayerful consideration of the appropriate observance for this one hundred fiftieth anniversary and kindred celebrations arising out of the historical background of both former denominations.

II. DISPLAYING NAMES OF CHURCHES

We recommend that the memorial of the California Conference re uniformly displaying the names of individual churches in The Evangelical United Brethren Church, be referred to the General Conference of The Evangelical United Brethren Church. We further recommend that on all churches the full local and denominational name be displayed.

RELATIVE TO CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

I. WHEREAS, the Minnesota Conference presented a memorial requesting the establishing of Bible schools, we recommend the endorsement of this memorial but in the light of necessary study and consideration involved in such a movement, that this item be referred to the General Conference of The Evangelical United Brethren Church with the suggestion that it be referred to the new General Board of Christian Education of The

Evangelical United Brethren Church for serious consideration and study.

II. WHEREAS, the Evangelical representatives at the Third International Workshop of Visual Education presented a memorial asking that a Department of Visual Aids be established in the united church, and

WHEREAS, there have been submitted three recommendations from the General Board of Christian Education asking that the new Board of Christian Education be made responsible for guidance in the use of Audio-Visual Aids for Christian Education, and that the new board of Christian Education be a member of the Religious Film Association, and that The Evangelical United Brethren Church take membership in the Protestant Film Association,

THEREFORE, be it resolved, that we recommend to the General Conference of The Evangelical United Brethren Church the following:

That we do not form a separate department of Visual Aids but that the new General Board of Christian Education be commissioned to give guidance in the best methods for education in the selection of materials and the use of Audio-Visual aids and that the board co-operate with all other agencies who desire to use these techniques, and we recommend to the General Conference of The Evangelical United Brethren Church that the General Board of Christian Education become a member of the Religious Film Commission and The Evangelical United Brethren Church, through the General Council of Administration, take membership in the Protestant Film Association and that boards and agencies co-operate with the Council in such membership.

III. The General Board of Christian Education of the Evangelical Church, having submitted a series of recommendations regarding the work of Christian Education in The Evangelical United Brethren Church, the Committee on Christian Education having given consideration, recommends to this General Conference that these recommendations be approved and referred to the General Conference of The Evangelical United Brethren Church as follows:

1. The fiscal year of the Board of Christian Education of The Evangelical United Brethren Church be fixed to coincide with the fiscal year set by the General Council of Administration of the new Church for the Missions and Benevolence Fund.

2. That the plans for uniting the Albright and Otterbein Brotherhoods as worked out by a joint committee of the Brotherhoods, be approved in principle but that the joint committee be instructed that we do not favor the provision for a membership fee.

3. That we co-operate in the program and activities of the National Christian Teaching Mission.

4. That the matter of a circulating library be continued in the new Board of Christian Education.

5. That an interboard conference on denominational curriculum outline and materials be projected and held early in the quadrennium in order to unify our emphases in Christian teaching.

That the Board of Missions, the Board of Christian Education, the Commission on Evangelism, the Commission on Christian Social Action and the General Council of Administration participate in this interboard conference.

That a special study be made of a graded minimum required curriculum for our Sunday schools with a view to establishing standard requirements in order to improve our teaching results.

6. That the study of Christian Educational trends begun by our Board of Christian Education be carried forward in order to evaluate our real purposes in Christian Education.

7. That in co-operation with the Board of Missions a completely graded program of missionary education be worked out for the Church and be integrated with the total educational program in local churches.

8. That the catechetical and doctrinal courses of our two denominations be evaluated and a graded curriculum in doctrinal instructions be developed, with specially prepared text materials,* and that it be administered on the basis of an approved standard, patterned somewhat after the suggested program recommended by the General Board of Christian Education of the Evangelical Church.

9. That there be prepared and published a manual on Children's Work.

10. That our denomination be adequately represented at the International Convention of Christian Endeavor in San Francisco, July 8-13, 1947.

11. That our denomination send its quota of delegates to the Second World Conference of Christian Youth to be held in Oslo, Norway, in 1947.

12. That a guidance pamphlet on Adult Work be provided with a special view to promoting the Adult Society and young adult work.

13. That our "Education Day of Prayer" for Colleges and Seminaries and "Student Recognition Day" be considered in connection with similar special days in the United Brethren Church for promoting Christian Higher Education, and that the purpose and value of such days be conserved in the new church program.

14. That the manuscript on a Manual for Summer Assemblies and Camps, prepared by the General Board of Christian Education of the Evangelical Church, be turned over to the new Board of Christian Education for re-editing and publishing, in order to set a standard for such summer gatherings.

15. That we consider publishing and using a Denominational Manual in co-operation with the Boy Scout Movement, and with the active support of our Brotherhood.

16. We have reviewed the proceedings of the Committee of Fourteen, the Evangelical Youth Fellowship Council, and the Evangelical Youth Fellowship for 1942-1946 and find them to be correct and in good order. Be it therefore resolved that these proceedings be ratified.

The constitution for the General Youth Fellowship of The Evangelical United Brethren Church, the constitution for the Annual Conference Youth Fellowship, and the constitution for the Local Youth Fellowship of The Evangelical United Brethren Church containing the alternative unified plan and correlated plan, constitutions for the local church, and the regulations for the Interboard Educational Program Committee have been reviewed and we recommend that General Conference approve these constitutions and regulations, and refer them to the General Conference of The Evangelical United Brethren Church, for adoption.

17. That a uniform membership record system for our Sunday schools be developed by our Board of Christian Education.

18. That special consideration be given by the General Board of Christian Education to the program of Christian Education in the smaller churches with particular attention to the problems of the rural church.

19. We recommend that the budget proposed by the joint committee of the Board of Christian Education be approved and referred to the United Conference for approval.

20. That the holding of a Coaching Conference for Intermediate Camp Directors in 1947, and the matter of placing Missionary Talent on summer assemblies and camp programs, the development of a three-year cycle of a mission study course for camps, and the matter of providing a resource leader in camping, be referred to the new Board of Christian Education for action.

21. That the report of our Committee on Colleges and Seminaries, dealing with the phases of student work and Christian Higher Education (see pages 124 to 127, of the Actions of the General Board of Christian Education of the Evangelical Church, proceedings of 1946) be transmitted to the new Board of Christian Education for consideration and action.

22. That a study of the Sunday-school curriculum materials of the new Church be made with particular attention to interboard co-operation in meeting those needs, looking forward especially to future General Conferences for action, with regard to grading denominational Sunday-school lessons for the united Church.

23. That the recommendations of our committee on Children's Work be referred to the General Board of Christian Education for further study.

24. All transactions of the board relating to the on-going program of Christian Education in The Evangelical United Brethren Church as recorded in the proceedings of the quadrennium 1942-1946 are hereby transferred to the General Conference of The Evangelical United Brethren Church for consideration and action.

IV. We also recommend that the following items pertaining to the requests of the Board of Managers of the Sunday School and Tract Union be referred to the General Conference of The Evangelical United Brethren Church—

1. The future status of the Sunday School and Tract Union in relation to the Board of Christian Education and other agencies; 2. The printing of these respective tracts: one on "Cults and Isms," one on "Baptism," one for pastors for calling on the sick, one on the "Call to the Ministry," and the matter of conserving seven of the National Service leaflets in the form of tracts.

CHRISTIAN TRAINING OF YOUNG WOMEN

WHEREAS, there appears to be a continuing need and opportunity for special Christian work in the Church by consecrated young women; and

WHEREAS, the Discipline of The Evangelical United Brethren Church makes no provision for the training and consecrating of young women for such a ministry; and

WHEREAS, there are in the Church of the United Brethren in Christ a number of women ministers whose standing is unaltered although the licensing and ordaining of women ministers is not specially provided for in the Discipline, and

WHEREAS, it appears desirable and possible that some way might be found of continuing the recruiting, training, consecration and employing of Christian young women in the service of the Church,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this matter be referred to the General Conference of The Evangelical United Brethren Church with a view of giving careful consideration in making some definite provision for the recruiting of Christian young women, setting up a standard of training for them in the schools of the Church, consecrating and giving them a certain standing as Christian workers in the denomination.

CONCERNING SUPERINTENDENTS' COUNCIL

"We petition the special session of the General Conference of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, that they continue the Conference Superintendents' Council, as now constituted in the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, in the united Church."

CONCERNING QUARTERLY CONFERENCE LICENTIATES

"Moved, that as a General Conference, we go on record as favoring the recognition of the present status of all quarterly conference and lay ministers now on our rolls in The Evangelical United Brethren Church, and with the understanding that all such licenses may be renewed in keeping with the provisions of the 1945 United Brethren Discipline."

RELATIVE TO GENERAL CHURCH OFFICIALS

"We recommend to the merged General Conference that Bishops and General Officers who are now retired and on pension, shall in the united Church come into the provision of the Discipline of The Evangelical United Brethren Church."

RELATIVE TO BONEBRAKE SEMINARY

"The Committee on Bonebrake Theological Seminary and the Christian Ministry submits the following recommendations:

1. That this General Conference reaffirm its action of May, 1945, pertaining to the authorization with the present Church of the United Brethren in Christ of a financial campaign for \$450,000 for the Bonebrake Theological Seminary, and that said campaign be made during the quadrennium 1947-1951.
2. That each annual conference be urged to complete its share as soon as possible following the present college campaigns and the campaign for home and foreign missions; and that the entire campaign be completed before the end of the quadrennium ending in 1951.
3. That this General Conference reaffirm its action urging an aggressive program of recruitment and adequate preparation of pastors and missionaries."

UNITING MONTANA CONFERENCES

"We look with favor on the memorial presented to this General Conference by the Montana Conference relative to the uniting of the Montana Conference of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ and the Montana Conference of the Evangelical Church. We recommend the reference of said matter to the uniting General Conference."

RELATIVE TO SOCIAL JUSTICE AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Your Committee on Social Justice and International Relations is greatly impressed by the evil in our world culture. We believe this offers a tremendous challenge to the Christian church. We believe that in addition to our efforts to evangelize individuals as a way of overcoming evil, we must make a direct attack upon these problems.

We, therefore, recommend that the General Conference of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ adopt for referral to the General Conference Committee on Christian Social Action of The Evangelical United Brethren Church the following items:

1. That the Church wage an intensive fight against the liquor traffic and the early publication of the manual on alcohol education as prepared by the Board of Christian Social Action of the Evangelical Church, and that we send representatives each year to the Yale School of Alcohol Studies, preferably persons from our editorial staff or from among the professors in our educational institutions.
2. That we keep ourselves informed concerning the international situation, and that by prayer, resolution, and communication with the appropriate government officials and United Nations personnel, we strive for the application of Christian principles in these areas of life.
3. That, in order to safeguard the American home from further deterioration we give ourselves to careful and earnest pre-marital instruction with the specific purpose of establishing these homes on a Christian foundation, and that we co-operate with the courts and the social agencies in a determined effort to save those homes where trouble has arisen.
4. That we recognize the evil inherent in obscene literature and movies, and that we give our support to any agency attempting to eradicate it, and, above all, that we create a desire for that which is wholesome in reading and entertainment.
5. That we stand firmly against peacetime conscription and that we keep our Congressmen informed as to our stand.
6. That by official communication to the President of the United States we urge the early return of all conscientious objectors, whether in prison or C. P. S. Camps, to civilian life.
7. That we continue the effort to raise the amount which we are morally obligated to pay to the Church of the Brethren for the support of our young men who were or are in C. P. S. Camps.

8. That, since racial segregation is based upon the belief in racial superiority and since racial superiority is unscientific and un-Christian, we officially renounce the segregation pattern in every phase of our church life.

9. That, because of the immensity of the task which the Church faces in the field of Social Action, we, at this session, or as soon thereafter as possible make provision for a full time Director of Christian Social Action in The Evangelical United Brethren Church.

R. M. HILTON, *Chairman.*

CONCERNING PROPORTIONATE REPRESENTATION IN GENERAL OFFICES FOR THE FIRST QUADRENNIUM

By Bishop G. E. Epp

(See Plan and Basis of Union, Section 15, Page 31)

- A. *Bishops:*
From United Brethren group 5.
From Evangelical group 4.
- B. *Publishers:*
From United Brethren group 1.
From Evangelical group 1.
- C. *Editors of Official Weekly Paper:*
The Editor—from the Evangelical group.
Associate Editor—from the United Brethren group.
- D. *Editor of Young People's Paper:*
The Editor—from the Evangelical group.
- E. *Sunday School Editors:*
The Editor—from the United Brethren group.
Associate Editor—from the Evangelical group.
Two Assistant Editors—one from each group, elected by Board of Publication.
- F. *Editor of German Periodicals:*
The German periodicals are discontinued.
- G. *Board of Pensions:*
The Executive Secretary—from the Evangelical group.
Associate Secretary—from the United Brethren group.
- H. *General Council of Administration:*
The Executive Secretary—from the United Brethren group.
Associate Secretary—from the Evangelical group.
- I. *General Church Treasurer:*
He shall be the Associate Secretary of the General Council of Administration.
- J. *Board of Missions:*
Department of World Missions
The Executive Secretary—from the Evangelical group.
Associate Secretary—from the United Brethren group.
Department of Church Extension
The Executive Secretary—from the United Brethren group.
Associate Secretary—from the Evangelical group.
Department of Women's Society World Service
The Executive Secretary—from the United Brethren group.
Associate Secretary—from the Evangelical group.
Treasurer of the Board of Missions—from the United Brethren group.
- K. *Board of Christian Education:*
The General Secretary—from the Evangelical group.
Associate Secretary—from the United Brethren group.
Commission on Evangelism:
The General Secretary—from the United Brethren group.
Associate Secretary—from the Evangelical group.

RELATIVE TO CHURCH WORSHIP FOLDER

Sensing the need for a weekly church bulletin, we the undersigned respectfully submit the following resolution, and request the General Conference now in session to refer the same to the Committee on "Proceedings of Council of Administration."

We commend for the consideration of pastors and the General Secretaries the "Worship Folders" edited and published by the Rev. C. E. Rettew, Bala-Cynwyd, Pennsylvania, Secretary of Publicity of the East Pennsylvania (UB) Annual Conference, and that

We acknowledge this service as an aid to worship, and a unifying agency, with promotional value for The Evangelical United Brethren Church and for the Kingdom of God.

(Signed)

N. H. MACALLISTER
FAY M. BOWMAN
PAUL PRICE
D. T. GREGORY
O. A. HYDEN
I. S. ERNST
PAUL E. V. SHANNON
F. BERRY PLUMMER
P. B. GIBBLE
G. E. MACCANON
EARL C. WEAVER

**UNITING OF CONFERENCES IN THE INTERIM OF
GENERAL CONFERENCES**

BE IT RESOLVED: That suitable action be taken by this General Conference of The Evangelical United Brethren Church to the end that should two conferences so desire, they may by mutual consent and any other necessary means, accomplish this purpose, without waiting until the next Quadrennial Session of the General Conference.

(Signed)

The Michigan Conference Delegations,
Evangelical and United Brethren

District Superintendents:

1. W. H. WATSON
2. EDGAR S. FAUST
3. WILLIAM KOTESKEY

Conference Superintendent—A. L. Spafford

Delegate—J. F. Hatton

RELATIVE TO THE TENNESSEE CONFERENCE

PETITION: To General Conference of The Evangelical United Brethren Church in session at Johnstown, Pennsylvania:

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Conference of The Evangelical United Brethren Church, having met the requirements of the Discipline, Paragraph 178, page 82, to become a regular Conference, hereby petitions this first session of the General Conference to change the Tennessee Conference from a Mission Conference to a Regular Conference.

(Signed)

V. C. ADCOCK, *Chairman*
DEWEY WHITWELL
E. M. HORNER
E. H. ADCOCK

RELATIVE TO PROCEEDINGS OF ANNUAL CONFERENCES

We recommend that the Committee on Proceedings of the Annual Conferences of The Evangelical United Brethren Church shall present the

order in which the printed matter of the Annual Conference Journals shall appear.

Respectfully submitted,
(Signed)

W. W. KRUEGER, *Chairman*
A. ALTON DODGE, *Secretary*

RELATIVE TO THE RULES OF ORDER

The Rules of Order shall be amended as follows:

Item 32, page 18 of the "White Book" shall be numbered 33, and item 32 shall read as follows: "Before each adjournment an opportunity shall be given for Committee announcements. The Reading Secretary shall call the Committees, and the Chairmen of the Committees as called shall rise and make their announcements."

(Signed)

EDGAR S. FAUST (Michigan-Ev.)

RELATIVE TO BROTHERHOOD CONSTITUTION

WHEREAS, the union of our two churches seems to warrant closer contact between our male membership and the General Brotherhood,

BE IT RESOLVED, that Article IV, Officers (paragraph 1295 of the Discipline) be changed to include an Area Director to be elected for each Episcopal Area.

APPENDIX OF THE DISCIPLINE

1. Index
 2. Constitutions of Homes, Colleges, and Seminaries
 3. Enabling Acts
 4. Location of Boards and Agencies
 5. Roster of General Conference Officials
 6. Church Institutions
 7. Boards and Agencies
 8. Areas and assignment of Bishops
 9. Listing of old corporations
 10. Any other matters of prime import to the denomination, as the editors of the Discipline together with the Board of Bishops may determine.
- This motion was referred to the Committee on Legislation.

RELATIVE TO THE MISSOURI CONFERENCE

WHEREAS, the Missouri Conference of The Evangelical United Brethren Church having met the requirements of the Discipline, paragraph 178, page 82, to become a regular conference, hereby petition this first session of the General Conference to change Missouri from a Mission Conference to a Regular Conference.

(Signed)

C. H. CRANDALL
F. L. COURTNEY
L. M. CURTS
J. A. NOBLE

RELATIVE TO HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS IN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

That the Committee on Missions and Church Extension consider the matter of continuing the honorary relationships in the Missionary Society of The Evangelical United Brethren Church of Dr. W. L. Bollman, Mrs. John S. Stamm, Mrs. S. S. Hough and Bishop H. H. Fout.

RELATIVE TO SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRACT UNION

WHEREAS, the matter of the future status of the Sunday School and Tract Union was referred to this General Conference of The Evangelical United Brethren Church by the General Conference of the former Evangelical Church,

RESOLVED, that the General Board of Christian Education and the Board of Managers of the Sunday School and Tract Union be and hereby are empowered by this General Conference to effect the merger of the Sunday School and Tract Union with the Board of Christian Education during this next quadrennium and that such merger be effected under the general supervision of the General Council of Administration.

(Signed)

E. G. MOEDE
H. L. BODA
PAUL R. WERL
W. MAYNARD SPARKS

CONCERNING PRICE OF THE TELESCOPE-MESSENGER

Inasmuch as the Church periodical, the Telescope-Messenger, holds an important place in the life of the Church, and inasmuch as this place is one of service, rather than profit, and inasmuch as this service cannot be rendered until the paper is in the homes of our people, I move that the Telescope-Messenger be furnished to all churches in either club or individual subscriptions, which shall send in a subscription list equal to one-third of its entire membership, at one-half the regular subscription price.

E. J. HALDEMAN

RELATIVE TO HISTORIC SHRINES

WHEREAS, the undersigned have a keen interest in the preservation of historic values, be it

RESOLVED: that the matter of marking historic shrines of both former groups of The Evangelical United Brethren Church, be referred to the Historical Society.

L. L. BAUGHMAN
PAUL W. MILHOUSE

RESOLUTIONS

(The following resolutions were adopted when presented to the General Conference without being referred to committees for consideration)

FROM CANADIAN DELEGATION RELATIVE TO CHURCH UNION

WHEREAS, the organic union of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ and the Evangelical Church has now been consummated in the establishment of The Evangelical United Brethren Church on this 16th day of November, 1946, in the City of Johnstown, Pennsylvania, as declared and published by the bishops of the uniting churches,

Now, therefore, be it resolved:

(1) That we, the members of the First General Conference of The Evangelical United Brethren Church herewith give expression to our great joy and deep gratitude that under the providence of God we come to participate in this high hour of consummation in which The Evangelical United Brethren Church has become the ecclesiastical and legal successor to the uniting churches;

(2) That we acknowledge with sincere thanks the earnest labors of the Commission on Church Federation and Union and of all who have through the years helped to make possible this union;

(3) That we hereby solemnly pledge our full and unreserved allegiance and loyalty to The Evangelical United Brethren Church, and fervently pray God's richest blessing to abide upon our Church;

(4) That we will continue to invoke the benediction of Almighty God abundantly to rest upon this General Conference, the annual conferences, the missions, the local congregations, and upon the general boards, agencies and institutions of this Church, in this and every land in which the Lord has called us to labor, to the end that The Evangelical United Brethren Church may give its full measure of devotion to the bringing of the kingdom of our Lord God and his Christ in all the earth.

CONCERNING EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF BOARD OF MISSIONS

"There shall be an Executive Committee of the Board of Missions to serve in the interim of the Board sessions. This committee shall meet bi-monthly and shall be constituted of the following membership: (a) Two active bishops, to be elected by the Board of Bishops; (b) All secretaries of this board elected by the General Conference;"

(and there the speaker should like to make sure that the Treasurer is included)

"Six women nominated by the Women's Council (see paragraph 853 of Discipline); four ministers and four laymen, to be elected by the Board of Missions."

And that the final sentence of paragraph 853 be revised to read:

"The Women's Council shall nominate six of its own number to be elected by the Board of Missions to the Executive Committee."

RELATIVE TO PHILIP WILLIAM OTTERBEIN

WHEREAS, Philip William Otterbein, founder of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, passed to his reward November 17, 1813, and

WHEREAS, the day previous to the 133rd anniversary of his death, the union of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ and the Evangelical Church occurred,

BE IT RESOLVED, that a minute be entered in our official proceedings concerning this coincidence.

(Signed)

L. L. BAUGHMAN
F. BERRY PLUMMER

STATEMENT CONCERNING CHURCH UNION TO ANNUAL CONFERENCES AND OTHERS CONCERNED

**Resolution to be Transmitted to Annual Conferences and Local Churches
in Accordance with Paragraph 9 of Section V of the Plan and Basis of Union.**

RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the General Conference be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to prepare a statement confirming the consummation of the organic union of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ and the Evangelical Church in accordance with the Plan and Basis of Union and the Discipline of The Evangelical United Brethren Church at the session of the first General Conference of said Church, held in the city of Johnstown, Pennsylvania, Nov. 16 to 21, 1946, such statement to be certified by the secretary and forwarded by mail within thirty (30) days after the adjournment of this General Conference to all denominational boards and to all superintendents of the annual conferences of the new Church, with instructions that said superintendents of annual conferences transmit a summary of the facts contained in such secretary's statement, by mail, to the pastors of all local churches, charges and missions of the several annual conferences of the former Church of the United Brethren in Christ and of the former Evangelical Church, at their early convenience, in order that the pastors and members of local churches, charges and missions shall be advised that they are under the jurisdiction and control of the regularly constituted authorities of The Evangelical United Brethren Church.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the pastors of local churches, charges and missions of the former Church of the United Brethren in Christ and of the former Evangelical Church, be directed to announce and publicize as widely as possible in their respective communities the name of the new Church, and likewise adopt said name in all printed matter emanating from their respective churches, charges and missions, including press notices, letterheads, church bulletins, programs, advertising on bulletin boards, and all other means of publicity, in order that the consummation of the union of said two Churches and the name of the new Church may be given the widest possible publicity.

ORGANIZATIONS AUTHORIZED TO AMEND ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

All organizations of the two Churches authorized to amend their Articles of Incorporation, Constitutions, and By-Laws, to conform to the name of the new Church as herein stated:

RESOLVED, that all annual conferences, whether incorporated or not, and their subsidiary or affiliated agencies and organizations; all existing corporations, including colleges, seminaries, homes, hospitals, and other institutions; all unincorporated boards, societies, associations and other administrative agencies, of the uniting Churches, be and the same are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to amend their respective articles of incorporation or association, constitutions and by-laws, in order to comply with the provisions of the Plan and Basis of Union, and the Discipline of The Evangelical United Brethren Church, and to identify them as organizations of The Evangelical United Brethren Church.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such amendments be made and concluded as soon as reasonably possible after the official certification of the consummation of the union by the Secretary of the General Conference has been received.

RELATIVE TO CORPORATIONS

Resolution for the Creation of New or Successor Corporations

BE IT RESOLVED, that new or successor corporations be and they are hereby authorized to be created and organized for the purpose of acquiring and receiving all of the property, both real and personal, including trust funds, of every kind and description, of their respective predecessor corporations, pursuant to Section V, Paragraph 5c, 7, and 8, of the Plan and Basis of Union.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following new corporations be and are hereby authorized to be created and organized, pursuant to Chapter IX, Paragraph 718 and Paragraphs 721-739 both inclusive, the Discipline of The Evangelical United Brethren Church:

1. A corporation to be known as THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION OF THE EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH shall be incorporated under the laws of the State of Ohio; said corporation shall have supervision of all the publishing interests of The Evangelical United Brethren Church and shall transact all the business relating thereto, and shall control and direct the Publishing Houses for and through their separate corporations, to wit:

A. The Otterbein Press of Dayton, Ohio.

B. The Evangelical Press of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

The following named persons are hereby named as incorporators of said corporation, namely:

J. B. Showers, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; John S. Stamm, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; L. M. Hohn, Dayton, Ohio; L. L. Huffman, Dayton, Ohio; Roy H. Stetler, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; Harry Helwage, Dayton, Ohio; C. E. Kachel, Reading, Pennsylvania.

Said incorporators are hereby authorized and empowered to execute and file, in due legal form, with the proper authorities of the State of Ohio, the required application for charter for said corporation, the object and purpose of which shall be as set forth in its constitution as provided in the Discipline of The Evangelical United Brethren Church, Chapter IX, Section II, Paragraphs 721-739 both inclusive.

2. A corporation to be known as the BOARD OF MISSIONS OF THE EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH, to be incorporated under the laws of the State of Ohio, as the successor to the following corporations: The Home Mission and Church Erection Society of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, The Foreign Missionary Society of the United Brethren in Christ, The Women's Missionary Association of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, The Missionary Society of The Evangelical Church, and the Board of Church Extension of the Evangelical Church.

The following named persons are hereby designated as incorporators of said successor corporation, viz., A. R. Clippinger, Dayton, Ohio; John S. Stamm, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; George E. Epp, Naperville, Illinois; V. O. Weidler, Kansas City, Missouri; Edwin Heina, Cleveland, Ohio; Mrs. J. B. Showers, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; M. B. Monn, Shelby, Ohio.

Said incorporators are hereby authorized and empowered to execute and file, in due legal form, with the proper authorities of the State of Ohio, the required application for a charter for said corporation, the object and purpose of which shall be stated as set forth in its Constitution in the Discipline of The Evangelical United Brethren Church (Chapter X, Section I, Article III, Paragraph 755).

When the organization of said successor corporation has been completed, said corporation is hereby authorized and empowered to receive from the aforesaid predecessor corporations, all trust funds and assets of every kind and nature, real, personal and mixed, held by each of said predecessor corporations, which it may be possible legally to transfer to said successor corporation, and said successor corporation shall be and is hereby authorized and empowered and directed to administer any trust funds transferred to it, in accordance with the provisions under which such trust funds have been received and administered by said predecessor corporations respectively.

3. A corporation to be known as THE BOARD OF PENSIONS OF THE EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH, to be incorporated under the laws of the State of Ohio, which shall be the successor of the Ministerial Pension and Annuity Fund of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, an unincorporated organization, heretofore administered by the Board of Administration of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, a corporation, and the Pension Fund of the Evangelical Church (formerly known as The Superannuation Fund of the Evangelical Church), a corporation.

The following named persons are hereby designated as incorporators of

said successor corporation, viz., C. H. Stauffacher, Kansas City, Missouri; F. L. Dennis, Indianapolis, Indiana; Edwin Heina, Cleveland, Ohio; A. H. Doescher, Dayton, Ohio; W. O. Clark, Dayton, Ohio; Roy H. Stetler, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; Homer B. Kline, Wilkinsburg, Pennsylvania.

Said incorporators are hereby authorized and empowered to execute and file, in due legal form, with the proper authorities of the State of Ohio, the required application for a charter for said corporation, the object and purpose of which shall be stated as set forth in its Constitution in the Discipline of The Evangelical United Brethren Church, Chapter XII, Section I, Article III, Paragraph 1704.

When the organization of said successor corporation has been completed, said corporation is hereby authorized and empowered to receive from the aforesaid predecessor corporation and from said unincorporated organization, all trust funds and assets of every kind and nature, real, personal and mixed, held by them respectively, and shall be and is hereby authorized and empowered to administer such trust funds in accordance with the conditions under which such trust funds have been previously received and administered by the aforesaid predecessor corporation and said unincorporated organization.

4. A corporation to be known as THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OF THE EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH, to be incorporated under the laws of the State of Ohio, said corporation to be the successor of the following corporations, viz., The Board of Christian Education of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, and The Board of Christian Education of the Evangelical Church.

The following named persons are hereby designated as incorporators of said successor corporation, viz., E. W. Praetorius, St. Paul, Minnesota; J. B. Showers, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; R. H. Mueller, Dayton, Ohio; O. T. Deever, Dayton, Ohio; J. F. Smith, Westerville, Ohio; Harvey C. Hahn, Dayton, Ohio; W. L. Muehl, Naperville, Illinois.

Said incorporators are hereby authorized and empowered to execute and file, in due legal form, with the proper authorities of the State of Ohio, the required application for a charter for said corporation, the object and purpose of which shall be stated as set forth in its Constitution in the Discipline of The Evangelical United Brethren Church, Chapter XI, Section II, Article II, Paragraph 1094.

When the organization of said successor corporation has been completed, said corporation is hereby authorized and empowered to receive from the aforesaid predecessor corporations, all trust funds and assets of every kind and nature, real, personal and mixed, held by each of said predecessor corporations, which it may be possible legally to transfer to said successor corporation, and said successor corporation shall be and is hereby authorized and empowered and directed to administer any trust funds transferred to it, in accordance with the provisions under which such trust funds have been received and administered by said predecessor corporations respectively.

5. A corporation to be known as THE SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRACT UNION OF THE EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH, to be incorporated under the laws of the State of Ohio, as the successor to The Sunday School and Tract Union of the Evangelical Church, having for its purpose the promotion of the interests of the Sunday School and Christian Endeavor Leagues and/or Youth Fellowships of The Evangelical United Brethren Church, by aiding in the publication and distribution of religious literature.

The following named persons are hereby designated as incorporators of said successor corporation, viz., E. W. Praetorius, St. Paul, Minnesota; J. B. Showers, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; R. H. Mueller, Dayton, Ohio; O. T. Deever, Dayton, Ohio; J. F. Smith, Westerville, Ohio; Harvey C. Hahn, Dayton, Ohio; W. L. Muehl, Naperville, Illinois.

Said incorporators are hereby authorized and empowered to execute and file, in due legal form, with the proper authorities of the State of Ohio, the required application for a charter for said corporation, the object and pur-

pose of which shall be stated as set forth in its Constitution in the Discipline of The Evangelical United Brethren Church (Chapter XVI, Article II, Paragraph 1966).

When the organization of said successor corporation has been completed, said corporation is hereby authorized and empowered to receive from the aforesaid predecessor corporations, all trust funds and assets of every kind and nature, real, personal and mixed, held by said predecessor corporation, which it may be possible legally to transfer to said successor corporation, and said successor corporation shall be and is hereby authorized and empowered and directed to administer any trust funds transferred to it, in accordance with the provisions under which such trust funds have been received and administered by said predecessor corporation.

6. A corporation to be known as THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION OF THE EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH, to be incorporated under the laws of the State of Ohio, as the successor of The Board of Administration of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, a corporation, and of the Administrative Council of the Evangelical Church, an unincorporated organization.

The following named persons are hereby designated as incorporators of said successor corporation, viz., A. R. Clippinger, Dayton, Ohio; John S. Stamm, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; E. B. Heisel, Columbus, Ohio; L. C. Weimer, Dayton, Ohio; E. S. Faust, Kalamazoo, Michigan; J. H. Ness, York, Pennsylvania; D. T. Gregory, Dayton, Ohio.

Said incorporators are hereby authorized and empowered to execute and file, in due legal form, with the proper authorities of the State of Ohio, the required application for a charter for said corporation, the object and purpose of which shall be stated as set forth in its Constitution in the Discipline of The Evangelical United Brethren Church, Chapter VI, Section I, Article I, Paragraph 531.

When the organization of said successor corporation has been completed, said corporation is hereby authorized and empowered to receive from the aforesaid predecessor corporation and from said unincorporated organization, all trust funds and assets of every kind and nature, real, personal and mixed, held by them respectively, and shall be and is hereby authorized and empowered to administer such trust funds in accordance with the conditions under which such trust funds have been previously received and administered by the aforesaid predecessor corporation and said unincorporated organization.

7. A corporation to be known as THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH, to be incorporated under the laws of the State of Ohio, as the successor of The Board of Trustees of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, an Ohio corporation.

The following named persons are hereby designated as incorporators of said successor corporation, viz., L. M. Hohn, Dayton, Ohio; C. A. Funkhouser, Dayton, Ohio; E. E. Nietz, Columbus, Ohio; Fay M. Bowman, Toledo, Ohio; Elroy C. Faust, Urbana, Indiana.

Said incorporators are hereby authorized and empowered to execute and file, in due legal form, with the proper authorities of the State of Ohio, the required application for a charter for said corporation, in accordance with the provisions contained in Section V, Item 7, page 18, of the Plan and Basis of Union, and Chapter VIII, Section V, Article X, Paragraphs 687 to 692, inclusive.

When the organization of said successor corporation has been completed, said corporation is hereby authorized and empowered to receive from the aforesaid predecessor corporation, all trust funds and assets of every kind and character, real, personal and mixed, held by such predecessor corporation, as and when it may be possible legally to transfer any such trust funds and assets to said successor corporation, and said successor corporation shall be and is hereby authorized and empowered and directed to administer any

trust funds and assets transferred to it in accordance with the provisions and conditions under which such trust funds and assets have been received and administered by said predecessor corporation.

8. A corporation to be known as THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH, to be incorporated under the laws of the State of Ohio, as the successor of The Historical Society of the Evangelical Church, an Ohio corporation, of Cleveland, Ohio, and The Historical Society of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, an Ohio corporation.

The following named persons are hereby designated as incorporators of said successor corporation, viz., A. R. Clippinger, Dayton, Ohio; G. E. Epp, Naperville, Illinois; Paul E. Holdcraft, Hagerstown, Maryland; Ralph M. Holdeman, Dayton, Ohio; W. E. Roush, Dayton, Ohio; M. H. Clymer, Akron, Ohio; P. B. Gible, Ephrata, Pennsylvania.

Said incorporators are hereby authorized and empowered to execute and file, in due legal form, with the proper authorities of the State of Ohio, the required application for a charter for said corporation, with a suitable statement of the object and purpose thereof, as may be determined by said incorporators, based upon the statements of such object and purpose contained in the charters and constitutions of said two predecessor corporations above mentioned.

When the organization of said successor corporation has been completed, said corporation is hereby authorized and empowered to receive from the aforesaid predecessor corporations any and all of the property and effects, including manuscripts, books and circulars, printed matter, pictures, and all other data available for the preservation of the history and traditions of each of the respective churches, namely, the Evangelical Church and the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, and likewise to receive from said predecessor corporations any and all funds and assets being held and administered by said respective corporations, and said successor corporation shall be and is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to administer such funds and assets transferred to it in accordance with the provisions of its charter and any special conditions under which the same were received and administered by said predecessor corporations.

RELATIVE TO BONEBRAKE SEMINARY AND OTHER THEOLOGICAL SCHOOLS

WHEREAS, the Plan and Basis of Union (page 26 of the Discipline of The Evangelical United Brethren Church) provided the following:

"For the purpose of maintaining denominational unity in theological instruction and administration it is recommended that the management of the theological schools of the united Church shall, after the first quadrennium, be placed under one Board of Trustees, elected by the General Conference, with a separate committee on administration from the parent board for each of the theological schools, and that the advisability of such arrangement be referred to the General Conference of the united Church for study and action," and

WHEREAS, said provision was not incorporated in Paragraph 1542 of the Discipline,

BE IT NOW RESOLVED, that lines three and four of Paragraph 1542 of the Discipline be, and it is hereby, amended to read as follows:

"Consisting of eighteen members including five of the active Bishops of the Church."

The entire Paragraph will then read:

"The General Conference shall elect a board of trustees for the Bonebrake Theological Seminary, consisting of eighteen members including five of the active bishops of the Church. A majority of the trustees shall be residents of the State of Ohio. The active bishops shall be elected as members of the board for a term of four years. The other members elected shall serve a term of eight years."

RELATIVE TO TIME OF HOLDING GENERAL CONFERENCE

Bishop G. E. Epp: On Friday, the fifteenth of November, convening in the Hotel Fort Stanwix, the Bishops took action and voted to recommend to the General Conference the fixing of the second Tuesday in November, being November 14, 1950, as the date of the next General Conference.

RECORDING SECRETARY'S JOURNAL THE OFFICIAL RECORD OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

RESOLVED, that the record of the proceedings, as approved day by day by the General Conference of The Evangelical United Brethren Church, shall be and hereby is declared the Official Journal of the General Conference.

(Signed)

THE BOARD OF BISHOPS

CONCERNING PRINTING OF GENERAL CONFERENCE JOURNALS

In view of the action taken by the thirty-fourth General Conference of the Evangelical Church, at Beulah Church, Johnstown, Pennsylvania, to print at the Evangelical Press, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, the Journal of said General Conference in a separate volume, and

In view of comparable action having been taken by the Special Session of the thirty-fourth General Conference of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, to print in a separate volume at The Otterbein Press, Dayton, Ohio, the Journal of said General Conference, and

(a) In view of the necessity of determining at which Press of the denomination the Official Journal of the first General Conference of The Evangelical United Brethren Church shall be printed,

(b) The size of the edition to be printed, and

(c) The content of the volume and other mechanical matters related thereto,

BE IT RESOLVED, that these matters be and they are hereby referred with power to the Board of Publication.

WHAT CONSTITUTES A MISSIONARY CONFERENCE

(Presented by Bishop G. E. Epp for Special Committee)

WHEREAS, the Discipline of The Evangelical United Brethren Church in the classification of conferences in Section 2, page 64, paragraph 91, and page 91, paragraph 236 defines the several conferences:

1. The Quarterly Conference,
2. The Annual Conference,
3. The General Conference

and therein in Section 2, page 82, paragraphs 173-179 defines the "Missionary Conference" in its rights and specific limitations, and

WHEREAS, none of the annual conferences of the former Church of the United Brethren in Christ operated under such limitations as defined in the above paragraphs 173-179, and

WHEREAS, in the former Evangelical Church the following conferences have held such definite classification of Missionary Conference status: the New England Conference, the Texas Conference, and the Montana Conference,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the status of the conferences of the former Church of the United Brethren in Christ as regular annual conferences remain unaltered by the provisions of the above referred to paragraphs;

2. That the status of the New England, Texas and Montana Conferences be continued as Missionary Conferences;

3. That the Board of Missions, together with the Board of Bishops, shall give careful study to the questions involved, with a view to the preparation of appropriate recommendations to the next General Conference with respect thereto.

RELATIVE TO MEMBERSHIP OF COMMISSION ON SOCIAL ACTION

(Presented by Bishop John S. Stamm)

The Board of Bishops recommends that paragraph 1501 of the Discipline, dealing with the Commission on Christian Social Action, shall be amended in the fourth line; that the word "nine" shall be deleted and the word "eleven" substituted, and that there be eleven members.

RELATIVE TO PAUL R. KOONTZ, ASSISTANT EDITOR OF SUNDAY SCHOOL LITERATURE

BE IT RESOLVED by this General Conference of The Evangelical United Brethren Church in session at Johnstown, Pennsylvania, this 21st day of November, 1946, to wit:

WHEREAS, the Board of Publication as elected by this General Conference, pursuant to the Discipline of The Evangelical United Brethren Church, Chapter IX, Section II, paragraph 732, has elected Dr. Paul R. Koontz to the office of Assistant Editor of Sunday School Literature for The Evangelical United Brethren Church, and

WHEREAS, said Dr. Paul R. Koontz has been the Associate Editor of Sunday School Literature in the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, regularly elected to such office by the General Conference of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ and as such has been a General Conference Officer of said Church and entitled to all the rights, benefits, and privileges accruing to a General Officer occupying such office, and

WHEREAS, the offices of Editor and Associate Editor of Sunday School Literature as provided for in the Plan and Basis of Union were filled through mutual adjustment between the two denominations,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

That the election of said Paul R. Koontz to the office of Assistant Editor by the Board of Publications and his incumbency in such office shall in no way operate to invalidate any of the privileges, benefits, and rights of a General Officer of The Evangelical United Brethren Church, but that to the contrary, during the ensuing quadrennium the said Paul R. Koontz shall have and enjoy all of the privileges, rights, and benefits of a General Officer of The Evangelical United Brethren Church.

GRANTING POWER TO THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

That undisposed of items on the agenda of the General Conference, as well as any item of business which under the Articles of Federation and Union, or contained in the Official White Book which should have been acted upon to effect the union of the Evangelical Church and the Church of the United Brethren in Christ into The Evangelical United Brethren Church, or to effect the incorporation, consolidation or dissolution of any corporation or congregations of either of said united churches or of The Evangelical United Brethren Church, be and they are hereby referred to the Council of Administration with full power to act.

RELATIVE TO ALLOCATION TO CAUSES, BOARDS AND AGENCIES

That the allocations for General Causes and appropriations to beneficiary boards and agencies, as reported by the Committee on Ways and Means, become effective as of July 1, 1947.

REPORTS OF TELLERS

ON ELECTION OF RECORDING SECRETARY

Total ballots cast	450
Necessary for choice	230
D. T. Gregory	211
*I. L. Schweitzer	241
D. C. Trapp	2
P. R. Koontz	4

* Indicates election.

ON ELECTION OF READING SECRETARY

Number of ballots cast	447
Necessary for election	224
*Paul R. Koontz	421
D. T. Gregory	25
I. L. Schweitzer	1

* Indicates election.

ON ELECTION OF BISHOPS

Number of ballots cast	448
Necessary for election	225

*George Edward Epp.....	448	Walter N. Roberts.....	2
*John S. Stamm.....	446	L. L. Baughman.....	1
*Fred L. Dennis.....	445	J. H. Ness.....	1
*E. W. Praetorius.....	444	A. H. Doescher.....	1
*C. H. Stauffacher.....	444	G. L. Schaller.....	1
*J. Balmer Showers.....	439	A. F. Weaver.....	1
*I. D. Warner.....	435	B. H. Cain.....	1
*A. R. Clippinger.....	433	D. D. Corl.....	1
*V. O. Weidler.....	432	John Searle.....	1
D. T. Gregory.....	11	I. Lynd Esch.....	1
C. A. Lynch.....	8	S. G. Ziegler.....	1
G. D. Batdorf.....	5	Raymond Veh.....	1
Dewey Whitwell.....	5	E. C. Brandenburg.....	1
R. H. Mueller.....	4	O. T. Deeever.....	1
D. E. Young.....	2	V. G. Hunt.....	1
W. R. Montgomery.....	2	W. A. Wilt.....	1
* Indicates election.		F. B. Plummer.....	1

ON ELECTION OF PUBLISHERS

Number of ballots cast	436
Necessary for election	219

L. L. Huffman, from former United Brethren Church.....	436
Roy H. Stetler, from former Evangelical Church.....	436
(Both elected)	

ON ELECTION OF EDITORS OF CHURCH PAPER

Number of votes cast	442
Necessary for election	222

*J. W. Krecker.....	435	Paul Holdcraft.....	1
*E. E. Harris.....	408	L. L. Baughman.....	1
P. R. Koontz.....	19	Edwin Frye.....	1
W. M. Sparks.....	12	R. L. Courtner.....	1
Raymond Veh.....	2	Wade Miller.....	1
P. E. Shannon.....	1	C. V. Priddle.....	1
J. Allan Ranck.....	1	* Indicates election.	

ON ELECTION OF SECRETARIES OF WOMEN'S SOCIETY OF WORLD SERVICE

Nomination and Election of Executive Secretary and Associate Secretary of the Women's Society of World Service:

"The Council of the Women's Society of World Service met in session in the First Evangelical Church, Saturday, November 16, and nominated the following:

Miss Janet Gilbert, Executive Secretary for the Society.

Miss Marion Baker, Associate Secretary for the Society.

These names are presented to the General Conference for action.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) MAUDE L. SHAMBAUGH, *Secretary.*"

(The foregoing were elected by the General Conference)

ON ELECTION OF EDITOR OF YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAPER

Number of ballots cast	430	
Necessary for election	216	
*Raymond M. Veh.....	405	Paul Gilmore..... 1
Ralph M. Holdeman.....	14	D. C. Trapp..... 1
Jay Fleckenstein.....	7	O. O. Arnold..... 1
F. Remelay.....	1	* Indicates election.

ON ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE SECRETARY AND ASSOCIATE SECRETARY FOR THE COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

For Executive Secretary:

Number of ballots cast	413
Necessary for election	207
*D. T. Gregory	412
U. P. Hovermale	1

For Associate Secretary:

Number of ballots cast	413
Necessary for election	207
*A. F. Weaver	412
C. E. Kachel	1

ON ELECTION OF SECRETARIES OF DEPARTMENTS OF MISSIONS

Total number of votes cast	440
Required for election	221

Executive Secretary of Department of World Missions

*C. Heinmiller	428
R. M. Holdeman	4
H. W. Kaebnick	3
S. G. Ziegler	1
F. E. Remaley	1
D. C. Trapp	1
LeRoy Geiger	1

Associate Secretary of Department of World Missions

*S. G. Ziegler	431
Carl Eshaugh	2
C. Heinmiller	1

*Indicates election.

Executive Secretary of Department of Church Extension

*U. P. Hovermale	437
Stanley Williams	2
B. H. Cain	1

Associate Secretary of Department of Church Extension

*M. N. Berger	436
H. W. Kaebnick	2
N. L. Hummel	1
D. C. Trapp	1

Executive Secretary of Women's Service

*Janet Gilbert	434
Mary McLanachan	1

Associate Secretary of Women's Service

*Marion Baker	439
Marian Schaefer	1

Treasurer of Board of Missions

*W. O. Clark	440
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ON ELECTION OF EDITORS OF SUNDAY SCHOOL LITERATURE

Total number of ballots cast	418
Necessary for election	210

Editor of Sunday School Literature:

*O. O. Arnold	417
Paul R. Koontz	1

Associate Editor of Sunday School Literature:

*G. L. Schaller	415
Paul J. Billet	1
R. M. Holdeman	1
Paul R. Koontz	1

**ON ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE SECRETARY-TREASURER
BOARD OF PENSIONS**

Number of ballots cast	422
Necessary for election	212

Executive Secretary-Treasurer:

*A. H. Doescher	421
I. L. Schweitzer	1

Associate Secretary, Board of Pensions:

*G. A. Heiss	418
Roy H. Turley	3
Lloyd C. Nichols	1

**ON ELECTION OF SECRETARY OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND
SECRETARY OF EVANGELISM**

Number of ballots cast	432
Necessary for election	217

General Secretary of Christian Education:

*R. H. Mueller	422
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*Indicates election.

FIRST GENERAL CONFERENCE

R. M. Holdeman	3
N. L. Hummel	2
A. F. Weaver	1
E. E. Keiser	1
H. W. Kaebnick	1
Koekle (no initials)	1

General Secretary of Evangelism:

*O. T. Deever	389
L. L. Baughman	28
Dewey Whitwell	4
W. R. Montgomery	3
David Young	3
S. P. Weaver	1
Shambaugh	1
F. B. Plummer	1

**ON ELECTION OF GENERAL STATISTICIAN AND
GENERAL CHURCH TREASURER**

Number of ballots cast	356
Necessary for election	179

General Statistician

*D. T. Gregory	355
W. O. Clark	1

General Church Treasurer

*A. F. Weaver	353
W. O. Clark	1
N. L. Hummel	1
Paul Wert	1

*Indicates election.

ELECTION BY GENERAL CONFERENCE

(These elections did not clear through the Nominating Committee)

**OF REPRESENTATIVES TO BOARD OF MISSIONS FROM
WOMEN'S SOCIETIES**

Representatives of the W. M. A. from the United Brethren group:

Mrs. J. B. Showers	Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
Mrs. S. S. Hough	Dayton, Ohio
Mrs. Paul R. Koontz	Dayton, Ohio
Mrs. E. S. Kern	Columbus, Ohio
Mrs. J. Gordon Howard	Westerville, Ohio
Mrs. C. C. Yund	West Lafayette, Indiana

Representatives from the Evangelical group, nominated by their quadrennial convention:

Miss Ruth Dietzel	Tiffin, Ohio
Mrs. H. S. Frank	Farmington, Minnesota
Mrs. C. N. Kidd	Baltimore, Maryland
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REPORTS FROM GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

(All reports presented here reflect amendments and changes authorized by the General Conference as far as it has been possible for the editors to determine, therefore the rules and procedures embodied become the bases of action for the quadrennium.—EDITORS)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHURCH FEDERATION AND UNION

(The items of this report were adopted when presented to the General Conference.)

PART I

To the First General Conference, The Evangelical United Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pennsylvania, November 18, 1946. To the Members of the General Conference:

As a matter of record, the Joint Commission on Church Federation and Union presents to this General Conference the proceedings of said Commission as recorded in its minutes from October 17, 1933, to November 12, 1946. These minutes have been presented to the respective General Conferences of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ and The Evangelical Church, and approved by each General Conference. Also, as a matter of record the Joint Commission on Church Federation and Union offers the several reports it has presented to the General Conferences of the United Brethren in Christ in regular session in 1937, 1941, 1945, and in special session in 1946, and of The Evangelical Church in 1934, 1938, 1942 and 1946.

There is a number of items with reference to Church Federation and Union to which the General Conference should give consideration. For many of these items, perhaps the simplest approach would be to turn to the book of reports, the "Official White Book," and follow the minutes of the Joint Meeting of the Commission on Church Federation and Union, August 2-3, 1946, Chicago, Illinois. See White Book, pages 33-52, inclusive.

We will go through these items one by one, and present them for your consideration.

White Book, page 34, ninth full paragraph: Note the reference to the three resolutions on Episcopal areas, and areas of support for Benevolent and Educational Institutions. If you want to see this item, turn to page 54, and there you will see this item, the last item on page 54. These three resolutions are there before you. They are herewith brought to this General Conference for consideration and action. I am not a delegate, and I cannot make a motion, so I simply present it.

PART II

Resolution from the Official White Book

Paper No. 16

(Adopted by the General Conference)

FIXING JANUARY 1, 1947, AS DATE OF BEGINNING OF THE FIRST QUADRENNIUM AND TERMS OF OFFICE OF ELECTED OFFICIALS

WHEREAS, It is contemplated that a reasonable period of adjustment will be required on the part of the officials elected by the first General Conference of The Evangelical United Brethren Church following the adjournment of the first General Conference during which period many details of administration must receive the attention of such officials in preparation for the assumption of their duties as elected officials of The Evangelical United Brethren Church for the first quadrennium. Therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That January 1, 1947, shall be and is hereby fixed as the beginning of the first quadrennium of The Evangelical United Brethren Church, and that the terms of office of the Bishops, General Officers, Secretaries and Members of the various Boards, Institutions and Agencies of the new Church elected by this first General Conference shall begin on the date above designated. Be it further

RESOLVED, That all of the Bishops, General Officers, Secretaries and Members of the various Boards and Agencies of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ and of The Evangelical Church shall continue to exercise and perform the duties of their respective offices during the interim between the adjournment of this General Conference and the beginning of the first quadrennium as herein above fixed as of January 1, 1947, and that the salaries or compensation and the customary and usual expenses of administration of said officials, boards and agencies for said intervening period shall be paid as heretofore by the respective uniting Churches, in order that there shall be continuity of administration during said period of adjustment between the adjournment of the first General Conference of The Evangelical United Brethren Church and the beginning of the first quadrennium.

PART III

DEALING WITH NOMENCLATURE OF LITERATURE

We recommend the following titles:

The Church Weeklies:	The Telescope-Messenger Builders
Sunday-school Teachers' Magazines:	Bible Teacher Children's Worker
Reading papers:	Children's Stories Boys and Girls Friends The Christian Home
Pupils' Lesson Helps:	Home Bible Studies Adult Bible Studies Youth Bible Studies Intermediate Bible Studies Junior Bible Studies Primary Bible Stories Today's Bible Study (lesson leaf)
<i>Uniform Series:</i>	
<i>Cycle Graded Series:</i>	Intermediate Bible Lessons Junior Bible Lessons Primary Bible Lessons Beginners' Bible Lessons

PART IV

RELATIVE TO THE COMMITTEE OF TEN ON PUBLISHING INTERESTS

Paper No. 13

The Committee of Ten on Publishing Interests, as provided in the action of the Central Committee, November 16, 1943, had two meetings, one in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, January 24, 1946, and another in Chicago Illinois, August 1, 1946. After careful study of the whole matter of "The most equitable division of the printing and distribution of the literature" of The Evangelical United Brethren Church the following actions were taken:

1. That the two weekly papers, the Evangelical Messenger-Telescope, and the Crusader-Watchword, shall be printed and distributed by the one Publishing House, and

2. That all the Sunday-school literature, including such publications as the Teacher, the quarterlies, the lesson leaves, and all other authorized Sunday-school study and promotional materials shall be printed in and distributed by the other house.

3. That the above proposed division shall be made without consideration of any division of profits and/or losses between the two houses.

4. That, through mutual agreement, it was decided that the church periodicals, the Evangelical Messenger-Telescope and the Watchword-Crusader be printed in the Publishing House in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania:

that the Sunday-school literature be printed in the Publishing House at Dayton, Ohio.

5. That the following unification of Sunday-school literature is recommended:

- (a) The Evangelical Teacher and the Otterbein Teacher be combined.
- (b) The Advanced Quarterly and the Adult Quarterly be combined.
- (c) The Evangelical Young People's Quarterly, the Youth's Quarterly and the Evangelical Intermediate-Senior Quarterly be united into two quarterlies.
- (d) Junior Lesson and Junior Quarterlies be combined.
- (e) Our Little Folks and Primary Weekly be combined.
- (f) Lesson leaves of both denominations be combined.
- (g) The Sunday School Messenger, The Friend, and Our Boys and Girls be united into two story papers.
- (h) The group-graded quarterlies be continued.
- (i) The Children's Worker be continued.
- (j) Baby's Mother be continued, or satisfactory successor selected.

6. The Committee recommends that the subscription prices of all the denominational literature publications (weekly church papers and Sunday-school publications) in The Evangelical United Brethren Church shall be determined in the full consideration of the prevailing cost of production.

In the union of the publications within a given area of production, when a difference of price maintained as between the two publishing houses, it is recommended that the higher price level shall be maintained as a minimum.

The committee also recommends that the single subscription price to the Evangelical Messenger plus Religious Telescope shall not be less than \$2.25, and the single subscription to the Watchword plus Crusader shall be not less than \$1.50 for single subscription and \$1.25 for club subscription.

7. The 1947 Year Book of both Churches shall be published jointly and the two publishers, Dr. L. L. Huffman and Mr. Roy H. Stetler, shall be authorized to proceed with the publication of the same.

8. The date for the combining of the four church papers, namely, Religious Telescope-Evangelical Messenger, Watchword-Crusader, shall be January 1, 1947.

9. Relative to the combining of Sunday-school literature into permanent form, the editors shall begin their work January 1, 1947. However, in view of the fact that the first two quarters under the present names are now in process, the Otterbein Press shall take over all Sunday-school publications in time for the issue of the third quarter, 1947.

10. That the publishers are authorized to adjust the subscriptions between the two houses, pro rating the prepaid subscriptions equitably.

11. That we approve a free subscription of the church paper to our ministers in active service, to the superannuated and supernumerary ministers, to the widows of our ministers and to the theological students in our seminaries.

12. That we allow 5% discount to the ministers on the church periodicals and Sunday-school literature, said discount to be granted to only such ministers handling these publications.

13. WHEREAS, The representatives of the Evangelical Press record it as their best judgment that for the unity of and the best service to The Evangelical United Brethren Church, there should be one "Book Store Department," and

WHEREAS, The representatives of the Otterbein Press are convinced that the Mail Order and Book Business cannot be satisfactorily concentrated solely at the Evangelical Press, in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania,

Therefore, we recommend that there shall be a manager and an assistant manager of the "Book Store Departments"; that the Manager shall have his headquarters at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and the Assistant Manager have his headquarters at Dayton, Ohio.

That such manager and assistant manager be appointed by the publishers, subject, however, to the approval of the Board of Publication;

That such manager and assistant manager be amenable to the said publishers.

That the profits of these bookstores shall be credited to the Publishing House in which such bookstores are located.

14. We recommend, finally, that this "Committee of Ten on Publishing Interests" be continued in order to give further study to some items relative to our "Task," and to bring recommendations concerning the same to the United General Conference.

Respectfully Submitted,

Committee: BISHOP J. S. STAMM,

BISHOP G. E. EPP,

BISHOP J. B. SHOWERS,

DR. A. F. WEAVER,

DR. L. L. HUFFMAN,

DR. L. M. HOHN,

MR. ROY STETLER,

MR. JOHN LYTER,

MR. EDWIN HEINA,

REV. JOHN H. NESS, *Secretary*

PART V

Item I

WHEREAS, a memorial has been referred to this committee from the General Conference of the former Evangelical Church, relating to negotiations with reference to a request by the Canada Conference, and

WHEREAS, all the rights and privileges of the former Evangelical Church now inhere in The Evangelical United Brethren Church, and records of said former church, as well as those of the Canada Conference, disclose:

(1) That negotiations have been carried on through a period of fifty years, with authorization granted the Canada Conference in this matter because of situations peculiar to this conference, looking toward a possible union of that conference, first with the Methodist Church of Canada, and more recently with the United Church of Canada, and

(2) That a basis of union with the United Church of Canada has been arrived at, and upon that basis the Canada Conference has requested to be permitted to take a vote on the question, and

(3) That the General Conference of the former Evangelical Church without dissent has authorized the Canada Conference to take the vote, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the action of the General Conference of the former Evangelical Church which states the conditions according to which this vote shall be taken, shall and is hereby sustained, namely:

"BE IT RESOLVED, that we hereby approve the procedures of the Commission on Church Federation and Union, both of the Evangelical Church and of the Canada Conference in regard to this matter; and further

"BE IT RESOLVED, that the Canada Conference be authorized to take a vote at its 1947 or some subsequent session during the quadrennium (1946-1950) upon the question:

"Shall the Canada Conference of the Evangelical Church proceed forthwith to enter the United Church of Canada, and to continue her witness and influence in Canada within the fellowship of the said United Church of Canada according to the basis of agreement submitted?"; and further

"BE IT RESOLVED, that in the event of an affirmative vote, all final adjustments and adjudications shall be subject to the guidance and approval of the Council of Administration of The Evangelical United Brethren Church, which shall satisfy itself that the Canada Conference has secured the necessary releases from all persons who through the Canada Conference might now or at some future time be beneficiaries of the Pension Fund of the Evangelical Church; and further

"BE IT RESOLVED, that in the event of a negative vote, the Canada Conference be and is authorized to continue a Commission on Church Federation and Union, and

"WHEREAS, there is an action of General Conference, viz:

"That it is our firm conviction that any negotiations looking toward Union of the Canada Conference of the Evangelical Church with the United Church of Canada must include the Northwest Canada Conference as well"; and

"WHEREAS, the Northwest Canada Conference, through its representatives, has declared itself as not in favor of union with the United Church of Canada and has expressed its strong desire to remain with the Evangelical Church (The Evangelical United Brethren Church after declaration of Union), therefore

"BE IT RESOLVED, that nothing herein before stated with reference to the Canada Conference, shall in any wise relate to the present status of the Northwest Canada Conference."

Item II

WHEREAS, it has been our privilege to have Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, D.D., and Dr. Samuel McCrae Cavert, president and secretary, respectively, of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, in our midst and to listen to their addresses, and

WHEREAS, the former Church of the United Brethren in Christ and the former Evangelical Church have co-operated in being members of both the Federal Council and, more recently, the World Council of Churches, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that we, The Evangelical United Brethren Church, continue to give our support to these respective bodies, and that we authorize our Board of Bishops to name proper representatives and to follow through with the necessary adjustments to have our memberships in the above named bodies enrolled under our present denominational status; and

WHEREAS, through the addresses presented, we have been apprised of the spirit and service in the name of Christ, through the leadership of the Federal Council, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that we refer to the Council of Administration of our Church the advisability of issuing literature through which similar information is brought to our constituency, even in a more comprehensive manner, and that we authorize the Council to issue such literature on the work of the Federal Council as may be deemed advisable for purposes of enlightening our own constituency; and

WHEREAS, the Discipline of The Evangelical United Brethren Church provides for a Commission on Church Federation and Union and describes its functions in paragraphs 1961 and 1962 to the end that this Church "may constantly maintain and deepen the sense of fellowship among all Christian believers, and work more effectually toward a fuller realization of the unity of the body of Christ," and

WHEREAS, we of the newly formed Evangelical United Brethren Church, through the recent union effected, sense a special responsibility to demonstrate that a union of Christian bodies can prove itself in greater spiritual power, and

WHEREAS, we have so recently experienced the joy of a larger Christian fellowship as a result of the union of our churches, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, (1) that we hereby make known our spirit, and witness to the joy of the fellowship through our union to the Christian people of our nation and the world; (2) that we ask our ministers to work toward a larger and more inclusive spirit of fellowship among the clergy and churches of all denominations in their communities; and (3) that, in seeking a reciprocal spirit, we commend the ecumenical spirit and procedure to all Christian denominations, and possible union of those which share in a similar confession and polity; and

WHEREAS, Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam stated to our General Conference, in effect, that he had been authorized by the Board of Bishops of the

Methodist Church to state that if at any time after we had come far enough in our own union that we would care to open negotiations with them they would be pleased to receive such overtures.*

WHEREAS, overtures may be made to us by other Evangelical Protestant groups, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commission on Church Federation and Union be and hereby is authorized to enter into conversations with the proper authorities of such denominations; and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that it is our conviction that The Evangelical United Brethren Church during the period of years now immediately before us will make the greatest contribution to the cause of Christ and the ecumenical movement by first making our union effective through launching aggressive programs of evangelism, missions, Christian education and world-wide interests of the Kingdom.

Item III

WHEREAS, the former General Conferences of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ and the Evangelical Church in their respective recent sessions adopted the report of their Commissions on Church Federation and Union and approved the minutes of the joint sessions of the respective commissions, and

WHEREAS, these former denominations have given complete evidence of approval by entering into organic union, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Commission on Church Federation and Union be and hereby are ratified and their report approved.

Item IV

WHEREAS, the members of the Commissions on Church Federation and Union of our two uniting branches have through many months, besides their many regular duties, given themselves devotedly to the tasks assigned to them and have labored most untiringly in effecting a satisfactory Plan and Basis for Union, and

WHEREAS, in large measure because of their faithfulness to the task, the Church of the United Brethren in Christ and the Evangelical Church are now one church body, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the members of the First General Conference of The Evangelical United Brethren Church, conscious of providential leading and the guidance of the Holy Spirit in this movement, hereby record our grateful recognition to the members of the Commissions on Church Federation and Union for their services so well performed, and that we record our special gratitude to those who on respective assignments gave so sacrificially in many arduous labors to bring the cause of union to successful realization.

L. L. HUFFMAN } Co-Chairmen
H. E. MUELLER }
JOHN F. SCHAEFER, Secretary

*From Minutes of the Board of Bishops:

Methodist Fraternal Greetings at General Conference—Bishop J. S. Stamm presented for filing the following correspondence in matters pertaining to the fraternal greetings of The Methodist Church to the General Conference in November, 1946.

(a) Letter of Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam to Bishop Stamm dated Dec. 3, 1946, in which he forwarded to Bishop Stamm the letter of Bishop Titus Lowe of Indianapolis, Nov. 6, 1946, addressed to Bishop Oxnam in which Bishop Lowe then president of the Council of Bishops of the Methodist Church writes as follows:

"I think it also entirely in order that you should take with you an extra commission from me as the immediate president of the Council of Bishops likewise to bear the fraternal greetings of the Methodist Church, the Protestant group which is most closely allied with the Evangelical and United Brethren Churches of any of the Protestant Bodies.

"Actually when I look into the future—and possibly the not too distant future—I dream of the coming together of a large body of denominations that stem from the same denominational root. Methodism, even in its divided form, has made a very great contribution, particularly in the United States and Great Britain but also in many parts of the world. Possibly a Methodism all-comprehensive, which might include in its organic union the many Methodist bodies, might bring to bear in the world even a greater influence for our Lord and His righteousness than we have ever been able to bring heretofore.

"I shall be very happy if you would present to the new Church the warm felicitations of our Council of Bishops."

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

(In a few cases there are slight differences in the listing of boards in this report from the listing in the Discipline. These discrepancies are due to the fact that various sources of information were placed in the hands of the editors after General Conference from which they had to secure information for the listing in the Discipline.—EDITORS)

PART I

Your committee recommends the following nominees for membership on the various boards, commissions, councils and societies of the denomination:

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Ministerial Alternates: E. E. Erffmeyer, Paul M. Herrick.

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION

(All paragraph and page numbers in this report pointing to the Discipline refer to the 1942 edition of the Discipline of The Evangelical United Brethren Church.—Editors)

PART I

RESOLVED, That in response to a petition, the Rules of Order be amended as follows:

Item 32, page 18 of the Official White Book shall be numbered 33, and Item 32 shall read as follows:

"Before each adjournment, an opportunity shall be given for the Committees' announcements. The Reading Secretary shall call the roll of committees, and the chairmen of the committees as called shall rise and make proper announcements."

PART II

1. A. Levine Tholin to be seated in place of Elmer Feik, (Illinois-Ev)
2. Rev. John W. Bartel in place of Rev. Harry E. Krug, (Wisconsin-Ev)
3. O. L. Grauberger in place of W. C. Lasater, (Colorado-Ev)
4. Rev. O. D. Wissler in place of Rev. H. H. Hazenfield, (Indiana-Ev)
5. Rev. F. H. Sanders in place of Rev. V. E. Miller (Cent. Penn.-Ev)
6. Rev. J. F. Diehl in place of Rev. A. C. Ruth (Cent. Penn.-Ev)
7. Rev. G. C. Gabriel in place of Rev. J. W. Krecker (Cent. Penn.-Ev)

PART III

I. RITUALS

With reference to the matter of two Rituals of the former Church of the United Brethren in Christ.

BE IT RESOLVED, That the following Rituals, namely, "Dedication of Infants without Baptism," Part 7, chapter 28, Section 6, page 261 of the United Brethren Discipline, and "Retirement of Elders," part 7, chapter 28, Section 9, page 255, of said Discipline be included in the Discipline of The Evangelical United Brethren Church.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a ritual on Mortgage Burning be included also, if and when provided by the Board of Bishops.

II. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—GENERAL BROTHERHOOD

RESOLVED, That paragraph 1297, page 284, of the Discipline, Article V, Executive Committee, be amended by insertion of the word "three" between "the" and "Vice-President" in line 2, and by changing "Vice-President" to "Vice-Presidents," so that it shall read, "The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, the three Vice-Presidents, the Secretary, the Treasurer, one Bishop (elected by the Board of Bishops), the General Secretary of Christian Education, the General Director of Adult Work, the Areal Directors and the Departmental Chairmen."

III. BROTHERHOOD CONSTITUTION

WHEREAS, it appears desirable, in the interest of the work for men in our churches, to have a closer contact between the male membership of the church and the General Brotherhood; be it resolved, that Article IV, entitled "Officers," (paragraph 1295, page 284, of the Discipline) shall be amended by deleting the word "and" following the word "Vice-Presidents," and inserting, following the word "treasurer," the phrase "and one Area Director for each Episcopal Area," so that it shall read—"The officers of the General Brotherhood shall be a President, three Vice-Presidents, a Secretary, a Treasurer and one Area Director for each Episcopal Area, all of whom shall be laymen and members of The Evangelical United Brethren Church. They shall be elected quadrennially."

IV. MINISTERIAL STANDARDS

In response to a memorial from the General Conference of the former Church of the United Brethren in Christ, this General Conference declares that in rare instances exceptions to the "Educational Requirements," paragraph 347, page 117 of the Discipline, may be made during this quadrennium. In such cases, the following procedure shall be followed: A committee composed of the conference superintendent or conference superintendents, the secretary of the Conference Board of Ministerial Training, the president of the Conference Board of Christian Education, with the presiding bishop of the conference, shall make the recommendation and define the educational procedure which the applicant shall follow. This recommendation must be approved by a two-thirds vote of the annual conference.

V. QUARTERLY CONFERENCE MINISTERS

RESOLVED, That a minister holding license, in the former Church of the United Brethren in Christ, designated: "Quarterly Conference Minister's License," or "Lay Minister's License" may by action of the Quarterly Conference of the charge, wherein he holds his church membership, continue to have his license renewed, annually, so long as his conduct and doctrine are conformable to the gospel of Christ and the government of The Evangelical United Brethren Church.

VI. SUPERINTENDENTS' COUNCIL

Replying to the petition for continuation of the Conference Superintendents' Council, as constituted in the former Church of the United Brethren in Christ, we look with favor on this form of Council. However, since there is no legislation required, and in view of the fact that the General Council of Administration has, as one of its duties, to co-operate with the Board of Bishops in calling such meetings of the Superintendents, as may be deemed advisable, (Discipline, paragraph 536, page 159, item 8), we return this matter to the Conference floor with the recommendation that it be referred to the General Council of Administration.

VII. SENIOR CONFERENCE SUPERINTENDENT

WHEREAS, a memorial has been presented by the General Conference of the Evangelical Church for clarification of the meaning of the term, "Senior Conference Superintendent" as it is used in paragraph 547 of the Discipline of The Evangelical United Brethren Church,

RESOLVED, (1) that it be the sense of this General Conference that the term "Senior Conference Superintendent" as used in the said paragraph 547, applies to and designates the superintendent who has served the longest period in continuous service as a conference superintendent. A break in the continuity of service invalidates the seniority. (2) That in case two or more new superintendents are elected on the same ballot, the one receiving the highest number of votes shall be considered the senior superintendent.

VIII. CLARIFICATION OF THE TERM "TENURE OF OFFICE"

WHEREAS, a memorial has been presented, requesting clarification of paragraph 74 of the Discipline of The Evangelical United Brethren Church as to whether "Tenure of Office" implies "fiscal year" of the respective organizations of the local church,

RESOLVED, (1) that it be the sense of this Conference that "Tenure of Office" in the said paragraph of the Discipline in no way or sense implies "fiscal year" of local church organizations. (2) That the fiscal year of local church organizations may be determined by the annual conferences.

IX. UNITING OF MICHIGAN CONFERENCES

In reply to the petition from the delegation representing the Michigan Conferences, Evangelical and United Brethren, that suitable action be taken to enable two conferences so desiring to unite without waiting until the next quadrennial session of the General Conference, the committee is of the

opinion that such action would be in conflict with Paper 15, on page 50 in the "Official White Book," and also in conflict with paragraph 171, page 81, of the Book of Discipline of The Evangelical United Brethren Church. Therefore, we recommend that no action be taken.

X. COMMITTEE ON RITUALS

In accord with a memorial from the General Conference of the former Church of the United Brethren in Christ, be it resolved that a committee on Rituals be appointed, consisting of at least six ordained ministers, at least one-half of which shall be active pastors, to whom the matter of rituals shall be referred for study during the quadrennium. This committee to report at the next session of General Conference. The Board of Bishops shall appoint said committee.

XI. GENERAL CONFERENCE DELEGATES

A memorial was presented to this Conference to delete paragraph 148 in the Discipline reading "Each Annual Conference shall have at least one ministerial and one lay delegate. A Missionary Conference shall have only one ministerial and one lay delegate," and paragraph 176, (3) in the Discipline, which reads, "A Missionary Conference shall be represented by only one ministerial delegate and one lay delegate." We recommend that these paragraphs shall not be deleted.

XII. EDITING DISCIPLINE

WHEREAS, the matter of editing of the Discipline of The Evangelical United Brethren Church for printing a new edition was referred to this Committee for consideration and report as to procedure, be it resolved, that the same mandate which governed in editing the present edition shall govern in the publication of the new edition with the provision that there shall be uniformity throughout the volume in capitalization and that the editors be given full editorial privileges and prerogatives in all points, without violating or altering the evident intended meaning of the several parts.

XIII. GENERAL SECRETARY OF EVANGELISM

WHEREAS, the matter of authorization for the election of a General Secretary of Evangelism, an Associate Secretary of Evangelism, an Associate Secretary of Christian Education, and an Associate Secretary of the Department of Women's Service of the Board of Missions, was referred to this committee, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that provision be made for the said offices and that these Secretaries be elected in accordance with the Enabling Acts prepared and presented by the Legal Committee of the Joint Commissions on Church Federation and Union, and adopted by the said Joint Commission.

Be it further resolved, that the necessary Disciplinary changes be made.

XIV. APPENDIX

WHEREAS, the question of providing an Appendix was referred to the Committee on Legislation, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that provision be made for an Appendix in the Discipline of The Evangelical United Brethren Church, in which Appendix may be printed all such matters as may be helpful and necessary to the right functioning of the Church, but which ought not be printed in the Discipline proper.

XV. SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRACT UNION

WHEREAS, the matter of the future status of the Sunday School and Tract Union was referred to this General Conference of The Evangelical United Brethren Church by the General Conference of the former Evangelical Church, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the General Board of Christian Education and the

Board of Managers of the Sunday School and Tract Union be and they are hereby empowered by this General Conference to do all that is legally necessary to effect the union of the Sunday School and Tract Union with the Board of Christian Education during this next quadrennium and that such union be effected under the general supervision of the Council of Administration of The Evangelical United Brethren Church.

XVI. FORMULAS

WHEREAS, various formulas have been referred to the Committee on Legislation for review and recommendation as to their inclusion in the Discipline, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the following formulas be and hereby are approved and authorization hereby given for inclusion in Part Three, "Rituals and Formulas," in Chapter XXIX in the section provided therefore:

1. "*Transfer of Membership.*" This form is hereby authorized in the form as presented.

2. "*Acknowledgment of Transfer.*" This form is hereby authorized in the form presented.

3. "*Church Member's Removal Notice.*" This form is hereby authorized in the form presented.

4. "*Certificate of Withdrawal.*" This form is hereby authorized in the form presented.

5. "*Certificate of Licensure.*" This form is hereby authorized in the form presented.

6. "*Certificate of Ordination.*" This form is hereby authorized in the form presented.

7. "*Minister's Certificate of Reception from Another Denomination.*" This form is hereby authorized in the form presented.

8. A card certifying that the bearer has been elected to the office of Conference Superintendent for a period of four years, signed by Secretary of Conference. This form is hereby authorized in the form as presented.

9. A card certifying that the bearer has been elected to the office of Bishop of The Evangelical United Brethren Church for a period of four years, to be signed by the Secretary of General Conference. This form is hereby authorized in the form as presented.

10. "*The Certificate of Church Membership*" was amended as follows: The title page shall carry the caption "*Certificate of Church Membership in The Evangelical United Brethren Church.*" At the bottom of page three, underneath the printed *Church Vows* there shall be indicated a place for the signature of the member who has assumed the Vows of Church Membership. Its inclusion is hereby authorized as amended.

11. "*Certificate of Dismissal*" for a church member who wishes to unite with a church of another denomination was amended by changing the title to "*Certificate of Recommendation.*" Its inclusion is hereby authorized with the title as amended.

12. "*Certificate of Dismissal*" for a minister who wishes to transfer his credentials, was amended by changing the title to "*Minister's Certificate of Recommendation.*" Its inclusion is hereby authorized with the title as amended.

13. A card entitled "*Certificate of Recommendation,*" certifying that the bearer has temporarily removed from the bounds of his local church, was amended by changing the title to "*Certificate of Good Standing.*" Its inclusion is hereby authorized with the title as amended.

The certificates of "*Transfer of Membership,*" and "*Acknowledgment of Transfer*" shall be printed on one sheet, but with perforations, so that the "*Acknowledgment*" may be easily detached for return to the pastor issuing the same.

XVII. COVERING ACTION

WHEREAS, many changes in the Discipline have been authorized by this General Conference that involve the re-writing of large portions of the Discipline involving the sections on the Board of Missions, the section on Christian Education, the section on Evangelism, as well as other changes; and

WHEREAS, the inclusion of entire new sections have been authorized, even on this the closing day of our General Conference Session; and

WHEREAS, it is obviously impossible to carry out the provisions of Rule 18 which states that all reports involving changes in the Discipline shall recite the paragraphs and lines to be amended, as well as the paragraph as it will read when amended; and

WHEREAS, such changes often involve changes in other portions of the Discipline, as well as changes in cross-references, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Bishops and the Editorial Committee be and they are hereby authorized and directed to arrange the material authorized for inclusion by this General Conference for adoption of reports of the standing committees, changes authorized by the direct action of General Conference, changes authorized by the adopted actions of the Joint Commission on Church Federation and Union, and any and all other material that is intended to be included in the Discipline.

This Committee of the Board of Bishops and the Editing Committee are also hereby authorized to edit, indicate position, change numbering, and all else that may be necessary to provide a correct Discipline including all the changes, additions, and other necessary matters that have received the sanction of this General Conference.

WHEREAS, the Report of the Council of Administration in items 1 and 2 recommended the inclusion of the Executive Secretary of Evangelism as a member of the Council of Administration and the inclusion of the Associate Secretary of Christian Education as a member of the Board of Christian Education and a member of the Executive Committee; and

WHEREAS, the necessary Disciplinary changes to make this possible were authorized by two-thirds vote of General Conference; and

WHEREAS, the matter of these Disciplinary changes were referred to the Committee on Legislation; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the necessary changes be and hereby are authorized to be made by the Board of Bishops and the Editorial Committee as provided in this report.

The Committee on Legislation, sitting as a Committee on Credentials, has carefully scrutinized the credentials of all alternates seated in place of delegates to this General Conference, and the reports of alternates thus approved and seated by this General Conference is a part of the record of the Secretary of General Conference.

V. G. HUNT	} Co-Chairmen
C. E. KACHEL	
R. L. CORTNER	
F. A. FIRESTONE	} Co-Secretaries

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION

Your Committee on Missions and Church Extension respectfully submits the following:

I.

Whereas changes in the structure and the name of the Women's Missionary organization of the Evangelical Church and the Church of the United Brethren in Christ have necessitated a revision of the constitution of these various societies and departments; and

Whereas these constitutions and by-laws have been submitted for consideration and ratification; therefore resolved that the constitutions as set forth on pages 69-79 of the Official White Book be ratified

1. The Constitution and By-Laws of the General Women's Society of World Service.
2. Constitution and By-Laws of the Conference Branch Women's Society of World Service.
3. Constitution and By-Laws of the Local Women's Society of World Service.
4. Constitution and By-Laws of the Local Unified Women's Society of World Service.
5. Constitution and By-Laws of the Christian Service Guild.
6. Constitution of the Girls' Missionary Guild in the Local Church.
7. Constitution of the Mission Band.
8. Constitution of the Little Heralds.

II.

WHEREAS, the Women's Society of World Service nominates the women members of the Board of Missions of The Evangelical United Brethren Church; and

WHEREAS, the Women's Society of World Service nominates the Executive Secretary and Associate Secretary of this organization; and

WHEREAS, the Women's Society of World Service employs its own office force and fixes their remuneration, be it

RESOLVED, that the salaries of the Executive Secretary and the Associate Secretary and the honoraria of others of their offices be determined by the Women's Council of the Women's Society of World Service, with the approval of the Board of Missions or its Executive Committee.

III.

WHEREAS, the matter of the honorary relationship of Dr. W. L. Bollman, former Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Missionary Society of the Evangelical Church, and of Mrs. John S. Stamm, former president of the Women's Missionary Society of the Evangelical Church, and of Mrs. S. S. Hough, former president of the Women's Missionary Association of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, and of Bishop H. H. Fout, former president of the Home Missions and Church Erection Society of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, were referred to this committee; and

WHEREAS, these persons held honorary relationships in their former communions; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Committee of Eighteen has recommended that all existing honorary relationships of former officers of these missionary agencies be recognized and continued, therefore be it

RESOLVED, (1) That we grant to Dr. W. L. Bollman the status of Honorary Secretary of the Board of Missions;

(2) That we grant to Mrs. John S. Stamm the status of Honorary President of the Women's Society of World Service;

(3) That we grant to Mrs. S. S. Hough the status of Honorary President of the Women's Society of World Service;

(4) That we grant to Bishop H. H. Fout the status of Honorary President of the Board of Missions.

IV.

WHEREAS, the action of the Joint Committee of Eighteen recommends the creation of a full-time office of Treasurer of the Board of Missions as set forth in Paragraphs "i" to "j," page 57 of the Official White Book, therefore be it

RESOLVED, (1) That this recommendation be adopted.

(2) That the full-time office of Treasurer of the Board of Missions be and hereby is created.

(3) That the necessary changes in the constitution of the Board of Missions in Paragraphs 777, 783, and 855 be and they are hereby authorized.

V.

WHEREAS, it has been recommended that Paragraph 811 in the Discipline, under item (c) that the word "six" be substituted for the word "five" and in item (d) the word "four" be substituted for the word "three," and in item (e) the word "four" be substituted for the word "three," and furthermore that the treasurer be a member of the Board of Missions, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that we recommend that the above substitution be made and that the treasurer be a member of the Board of Missions and the Executive Committee of the Board of Missions and that all necessary changes in the Discipline be made to correspond with this action.

VI.

RESOLVED, (1) That we ratify the Union Agreements of the Committee of Eighteen and their respective Boards in all matters pertaining thereto as set forth on pages 55 to 68 of the Official White Book and not otherwise provided for in this report, and

(2) That we empower the Board of Missions to effect thereunder the complete union of operations at the new headquarters in Dayton, Ohio.

VII.

WHEREAS, the General Conference of the Evangelical Church referred the question of assuming responsibility for the mission in Brazil opened and operated by the Rev. A. Wesley Archibald, member of the Ohio Conference (Ev) of The Evangelical United Brethren Church, and

WHEREAS, your committee does not possess sufficient information to feel competent to make recommendation on such a highly involved issue, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Missions make a careful and detailed study of said mission and exercise their Disciplinary powers in assuming supervision thereof, in the event the Board deems such action advisable.

VIII.

WHEREAS, the General Conference of the Evangelical Church referred the "Plan for Aid" in Establishing and Developing New Missions in the North American Conferences to this General Conference, and

WHEREAS, this plan has been unusually well received, and gives such great promise in the field of missionary expansion in strategic localities, be it

RESOLVED, that we recommend the continuance of this "Plan for Aid" in the program of the Board of Missions of The Evangelical United Brethren Church.

IX.

WHEREAS, there has been referred to this General Conference from the General Conference of the former Evangelical Church the recommendation of a certain Loan Plan, as set forth in a brochure entitled "To Build Strong Churches" therefore be it

RESOLVED, (1) That we recommend the continuance of this Plan and

(2) That it be referred to the Board of Missions of The Evangelical United Brethren Church.

WHEREAS a reference has come from the General Conference of the former Evangelical Church calling attention to what is regarded as a need for increased resources in the Department of Church Extension, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that a study be made of ways and means by which the loaning fund of the Department of Church Extension of the Board of Missions of The Evangelical United Brethren Church might be increased and that the same be referred to the Board of Missions of The Evangelical United Brethren Church.

X.

WHEREAS, there has been presented to this Conference by the General Conference of the former Evangelical Church a statement of what are regarded as major needs in the program of Church Extension, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that this statement be referred to the Board of Missions for favorable consideration as follows:

1. **The need for Larger Loans for the Churches.** It has become increasingly difficult to negotiate loans from agencies other than those of the Church. Unless our churches can obtain sizable loans from individuals in their communities, they will need much larger loans than our Board has been accustomed to granting.

2. **The need for Careful Financial Planning by the Churches.** A few years ago the Board adopted a resolution urging our churches to have at least fifty percent of the total cost of their building projects in cash before construction is actually undertaken. If we are to avoid some of the financial calamities of a former period such a procedure is absolutely essential.

3. **The need for a Church-wide Architectural Program.** We have come to the time when this too-long-neglected task must become a major concern of the Church. Provision ought to be made immediately following Union for an aggressive church-wide architectural program of professional quality and dimensions.

XI.

WHEREAS, a memorial dealing with the appointment of a full-time director of Rural Life was referred to the committee from each of the General Conferences of the Evangelical Church and the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, and

WHEREAS, provision has been made for a Commission on Rural Life to be administered under the Department of Church Extension of the Board of Missions, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that in relation to the organization of the program of Rural Work under this commission the Board of Missions be directed to appoint at an early date a full-time Director of Rural Life.

XII.

WHEREAS, the matter of providing Visual Aids to Missionary Education was referred to this committee by the General Conference of the Evangelical Church, be it

RESOLVED, that we recognize the work already done in this field by the Boards of Missions of the Uniting Communions, and be it further

RESOLVED, that we urge the further development of a visual aid program by the Board of Missions of The Evangelical United Brethren Church.

XIII.

WHEREAS, annual conferences as such are not represented on the Board of Missions, and

WHEREAS, there is a definite need for the dissemination of information and the culture of a deeper interest in the total missionary program of The Evangelical United Brethren Church, be it

RESOLVED, that we recommend that the Board of Missions give careful and favorable consideration to the formation of large, regular, and periodic missionary assemblies on a general church level, for the purpose of inspiration, education and promotion in the field of missions.

XIV.

WHEREAS plans for the "Advance and Rehabilitation" campaign for the combined Mission Boards of the United Brethren Church were adopted at a joint meeting of the administrative staff of the Home Mission and Foreign Mission Office of the former United Brethren Church, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that we recommend that the plans and schedules hereafter set forth be approved for use among the former United Brethren Churches.

1. Organization for the financial campaign.

- a. That forty Campaign Sponsors be chosen whose interest and influence might lend publicity support.
- b. That a Central Committee of fifteen be selected by the joint Secretaries on which each Bishop's Area be represented by at least one member.
- c. That the secretarial staff constitute the Administrative Board and that one be set aside as the General Director of the Campaign.

Additional suggestions for procedure of organization throughout the Church.

- d. That the Bishop be the Director of his Area, and that the Central Committee, with the aid of the Bishop, select a layman as Co-Director.
 - e. That the Conference Superintendent be the Director of the Conference, and that the Bishop, together with the Superintendent, appoint a layman as Associate Director.
 - f. That the Conference Campaign Committee be composed of the existing conference organization, the Conference Council of Administration. Where this is deemed inadvisable, then a Conference Campaign Committee be appointed by the Superintendent in conference with the Bishop and the Mission Board.
 - g. That the Pastor be the Director of the local church, and that the chairman of the local committee be Associate Director.
 - h. That the Pastor, in consultation with his official board, appoint a committee of five or more to serve as a committee in the local church.
- #### 2. Suggested time table for the Campaign.

July 1, 1947 to October 1—to be a period for the general organization throughout the entire denomination through the Annual Conferences.

October 1-30—to be a time for enlisting the local churches.

November 1—beginning of solicitations leading to

Easter, 1948—Sacrificial offering with a goal of 50% of the total amount in cash and pledges, or \$500,000.

Fall Conference 1948—Goal to reach 75% or \$750,000.

Easter, 1949—Victory Sunday when the campaign for a million dollars will be paid in full.

3. Suggested literature for the Campaign

- a. Four posters, to be prepared in consultation with the Director.

- b. The Crusade Bulletin should be illustrated to advertise the campaign. It was suggested that we secure a mailing list from the pastors and local campaign committees and seek their co-operation in an effort to distribute them to the families of the Church.
 - c. A comprehensive, pictorial booklet, setting forth facts, needs and projects for the campaign.
 - d. Introductory leaflet—for wide distribution—and to be followed by further small leaflets as the campaign progresses.
4. The question of quotas. The concensus of opinion of the superintendents was unfavorable to stated quotas.
- a. That we state as our minimum needs for mission rehabilitation and advance at least one million dollars; that we endeavor to secure this amount through special sacrificial offerings rather than by quotas to churches and conferences.
 - b. That the Secretaries work out the million dollar budget on a project basis.

Recommended, That the Boards jointly appoint a General Director to promote the campaign.

XV.

WHEREAS, the brochure entitled "Program for Evangelical Missions," as published and circulated throughout the former Evangelical Church, was referred to this committee, and

WHEREAS, we feel that much progressive planning has been envisioned therein; and

WHEREAS, we believe it may prove valuable in the development of the missionary program of The Evangelical United Brethren Church; be it

RESOLVED, that we endorse this "Plan for Evangelical Missions" and commend it to The Evangelical United Brethren Church for implementation and co-ordination into the total missionary program of said church.

XVI.

WHEREAS, a proposal requesting a basic change be made in the constitutional functions of two Departments of the Board of Missions in the request for the transfer of the Home Missions (North American Division of Missions) from the Department of World Missions into the Department of Church Extension, was referred to this committee, and

WHEREAS, a careful study of the structural setup of the Board of Missions reveals the basic intent of unification of all the missionary operations of the Church in an orderly classification of major responsibilities to the three departments and the administration of the total program through the Board and its Executive Committee, and

WHEREAS, the constitution now provides the Board and its Executive Committee specific power to have general oversight of all the missionary and church extension programs of the Church, and to determine the lines of missionary policy and program, and through the respective Departments to carry out such program; to make necessary by-laws for the proper regulation and conduct of the several Departments and Committees, not in conflict with the charter, constitution and/or Discipline, and

WHEREAS, administrative responsibility in each Department is assigned to the Executive Secretary and the Associate Secretary in each Department and it is provided that the Executive Secretary be the recording secretary in the respective Department to which he or she belongs and

WHEREAS, the Department of Church Extension under constitutional provision will administer in the area of Church Extension a total fund of nearly \$1,000,000.00, and the Bureau of Church Architecture and the Commission on Rural Life, and the constitution already provides certain Departmental interrelationships and joint responsibilities under paragraphs 792 and 798 of the Discipline in the establishment and operation of new

missions and by specific allocation of responsibilities that the Board and its Executive Committee may from time to time make, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, (1) That it is our judgment that no structural change in the constitution with respect to the transfer of Home Missions into the Department of Church Extension be made at this time.

(2) That the General Conference requests the Board of Missions to adopt suitable by-laws and specific regulations governing the work of the Board in all areas in which the constitution does not make specific provision.

(3) That in order to carry the various missionary units and programs of operations as carried and made by the several predecessor Boards into this new Board of Missions, without loss of any kind, it is agreed that all commitments, financial and otherwise with respect to specific projects of work already undertaken or in process of completion are to be honored and carried forward under the new Board, and that whenever practicable these projects be assigned to secretaries familiar with the projects by previous experiences, such as the assignment of the Spanish American mission to the Church Extension Department until its building project might be completed.

(4) That the Board and its Executive Committee in the distribution of specific allocations of responsibility to its Executive Secretaries and Associate Secretaries and Treasurer, within their respective departments and in the general operations of the Board, shall endeavor to make such distribution of responsibility on as equitable a basis as possible.

(5) That the specific duties of, and the relationships of the Associate Secretary in each of the Departments to the Executive Secretary of the Department and to the Board shall be clearly defined in such tasks as

(a) The enlistment of mission personnel.

(b) The direction of mission personnel

(c) The solicitation of funds

(d) And others as the need becomes evident to the Board.

N. L. HUMMEL	} Co-Chairmen
H. H. THOMAS	
O. T. EHRHART	} Co-Secretaries
RICHARD A. HEIM	

REPORT OF BOARD OF BISHOPS

PART I

Bishop G. E. Epp: Mr. Chairman: Re—Adjournment of General Conference: In view of the reference to the Board of Bishops of the question of the probable time of final adjournment of the First Session of the General Conference of The Evangelical United Brethren Church, it is our judgment that with the full co-operation of the members of the General Conference, we may be able to conclude our work by 5:00 p. m. on Thursday, November 21, and purpose to set that time as the objective with respect to conclusion of the work. We urge all to co-operate toward its achievement. If this cannot be accomplished, it is here purposed to adjourn not later than 9:30 p. m. on Thursday, November 21, 1946.

PART II

Report on Selection of Members for the General Commission on Army and Navy Chaplains:

Bishop A. R. Clippinger
Bishop C. H. Stauffacher

Dr. R. H. Mueller
Dr. Ira S. Ernst

PART III

Report on Membership and Organization of the Board of Bishops, and listing of Seniority Relation:

<i>Bishop</i>	<i>First Elected</i>
A. R. Clippinger, President	1921
John S. Stamm	1926
Ira D. Warner	1929
George Edward Epp, Secretary	1930
E. W. Praetorius	1934
C. H. Stauffacher	1934
V. O. Weidler	1937
Fred L. Dennis	1941
J. Balmer Showers	1945
<i>Bishops Emeritus</i>	<i>Active</i>
H. H. Fout	1913-1941
G. D. Batdorf	1929-1945

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM

Just as long as man's sin and spiritual insufficiency and their disastrous results are reported daily on the front page of every newspaper, and as long as God's solution for individual and group problems, as it is offered to us in Christ Jesus our Savior and Lord, is not known, accepted, and appropriated by all men everywhere, there is most urgent need for evangelism.

Evangelism, which is the outflow of Christly concern for all who have need of Christ, cannot and dare not be circumscribed.

To have a true conception of the essence and scope of evangelism we must turn to the New Testament and there see its roots, its growth and outreach, and its fruits. Evangelism is as old and as deep and as wide as the Evangel itself. The methods of the proclamation of the gospel and the sharing of the dynamic, life-transforming power of God in Christ are patterned after the methods of Christ himself: (1) Prayer and co-operation with God; (2) testimony of life example in fellowship with other people; (3) testimony of simple words concerning our knowledge of God in response to another individual's need; (4) teaching and discussion of the Truth and its implications with small groups; (5) preaching and proclaiming the gospel to all who will listen. All these, adopted by his followers, have been adapted and used by them to meet the needs of each changing age and to take advantage of each new opportunity.

Nothing could be more important or more urgent or of more primary

concern than this cause of evangelism, and every Christian method available must be used in it.

The day of mass evangelism is not past. We believe that there is increasing evidence in our day of the very great possibilities open to us in the use of mass evangelism. When all the forces of evil, and secular movements, are everywhere using mass methods of promotion, this is not the time for the church to surrender its right to appeal to the masses with the eternal gospel of our Savior.

We are happy, too, in the conviction that personal, individual, conversational evangelism, as it was so often practiced and directed by Jesus, is getting a renewed emphasis in our day in organized visitation evangelism and individual witnessing in personal, conversational evangelism.

Because there are many ways in which God prepares the soul for full surrender and commitment to the Savior, and the joy of salvation and new life in Christ, we recognize the special significance of evangelistic Christian education in the Sunday church school, Youth Fellowship, catechetical and pastor's classes, children's work, Brotherhoods, women's work, summer assemblies and camps, church colleges and seminaries, etc.

We recognize, too, the need for the conservation of, and the growth in grace of new-born Christians, and all the members of the church, in the regular use of all the means of grace, all of which work should be a part of our program of evangelism.

We are not unmindful of the many other methods of evangelism, some of them more newly developed, and all of which, along with all the old methods, we should be using in all of our churches and communities.

I. INTER-RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND EVANGELISM

WHEREAS, the Joint Committee on Merging Commissions on Evangelism referred to the Joint Commissions on Church Federation and Union the matter of inter-relationship between Christian Education and Evangelism. and

WHEREAS, the Joint Commissions on August 3, 1946, voted that "(1) Although the constitution of the General Commission on Evangelism (paragraphs 1461 to 1471, pages 321-323, *Discipline*) does not now provide that the Secretary of Evangelism (paragraphs 1463-1464) be elected by the General Conference, nor that he be a full-time executive officer of the Commission; nor that there be an associate secretary of Evangelism, that such constitutional change be made by the General Conference:

"(2) That, although the constitution of the General Board of Christian Education (paragraphs 922-1035, pages 232-241) does not now provide for the office of Associate Secretary that such provision shall now be made;

"(3) That for the first quadrennium of The Evangelical United Brethren Church the Executive Secretary of Evangelism shall serve as the Associate Secretary of Christian Education, and that the Executive Secretary of Christian Education shall be the Associate Secretary of Evangelism;

"(4) That the Board of Christian Education and the Commission on Evangelism be empowered to effect co-operative office management and procedures, proportionate sharing of salary and time of said officials and office staff."

It was voted that in the place of Article II (paragraph 1464) of the Constitution of the General Commission on Evangelism there be inserted these words: "There shall be an Executive Secretary of Evangelism who shall be elected by the General Conference, and shall labor under the direction of the Commission in the promotion of evangelism throughout the Church. He shall be the Secretary of the Commission. He shall also be the Associate Secretary of Christian Education.

"There shall be an Associate Secretary of Evangelism. The Executive Secretary of Christian Education shall be the Associate Secretary of Evangelism.

"The Commission may appoint such other assistants as may be advisable."

II. ENLARGEMENT OF COMMISSION

Whereas, the Committees on Evangelism of the Special Session of the 34th General Conference of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ and of the 34th General Conference of the Evangelical Church have requested the enlargement of the Commission on Evangelism of The Evangelical United Brethren Church to include six ministers and four lay members, one of the latter to be a woman, in addition to the several Bishops and Executive Secretaries to be named,

It was voted that Article I (paragraph 1462) Section I of the Constitution of the General Commission on Evangelism be amended to add, after the word "Bishops" in line 4, the words "the Executive Secretary of Evangelism, the Associate Secretary of Evangelism, the Assistant Secretary of Evangelism, the Executive Secretary of the Council of Administration," and in line 8 of this paragraph in the place of the first six words of the line, these words: "six Ministers and four Lay Members," causing the total paragraph to read: (paragraph 1462)

"There shall be a General Commission on Evangelism to promote and direct the work of evangelism throughout the Church. Its members shall be the active Bishops, the Executive Secretary of Evangelism, the Associate Secretary of Evangelism, the Assistant Secretary of Evangelism, the Executive Secretary of the Council of Administration, an Executive Secretary of the Board of Missions elected by the Board of Missions, the Executive Secretary of the Board of Christian Education, an Editor elected by the Editors, and six Ministers and four Lay Members, one of whom shall be a woman, elected by the General Conference, on nomination of the Committee on Evangelism."

III. NOMINEES FOR COMMISSION ON EVANGELISM

WHEREAS, the constitution provides that the Committee on Evangelism shall nominate certain members of the Commission on Evangelism of The Evangelical United Brethren Church,

It was voted that the six Ministers be C. L. Allen, H. E. Schaeffer, O. A. Heyden, L. L. Baughman, Paul P. Petticord and Dewey Whitwell, and that the four Lay Members be Mrs. Lavonna Bell, J. Britain Winter, D. W. Hummel and E. S. Wegner.

IV. AREA DIRECTORS OR SECRETARIES

WHEREAS, the matter of Area Directors or Secretaries of Evangelism was referred to us by the Special Session of the 34th General Conference of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ,

It was voted that if and when an episcopal area is able to secure and provide for an Area Secretary or Director of Evangelism, such area may be permitted through their Bishop and Conference Superintendents to appoint such Director or Secretary, who shall work under the Commission on Evangelism of The Evangelical United Brethren Church, helping to promote the emphases and program of the Commission on Evangelism.

V. COOPERATIVE OFFICE PROCEDURES

WHEREAS, a previously quoted action of the Joint Commissions on Church Federation and Union (Item 1, 4, above in this report and Item 28, August 3, 1946. Minutes of the Joint Commissions) ask for co-operative office procedures between two boards,

It was voted that the Board of Christian Education and the Commission on Evangelism be empowered to effect co-operative office management and procedures, proportionate sharing of salaries and time of their officials and office staff.

VI. CONSTITUTIONS

WHEREAS, a number of items with reference to constitutions for Conference Commissions on Evangelism and Local Church Committees on Evangelism have been referred to us, (Official White Book of Reports, pages 97-108.

It was voted that these constitutions, together with the notations in regard to them be and hereby are approved in principle and are referred to the Commission on Evangelism for proper form.

VII. BUDGET

WHEREAS, the budget for the Commission on Evangelism has been referred to us for consideration, (pages 89-90, Official White Book of Reports).

It was voted that the budget found on pages 89, 90 of the Official White Book of Reports be adopted, with the exception that division of the salaries of the Executive and Associate Secretaries be arranged in conference between representatives of the Board of Christian Education and the Commission on Evangelism.

VIII. DENOMINATIONAL DEVOTIONAL QUARTERLY

WHEREAS, the results of a questionnaire survey of the need and advisability of publishing a denominational devotional quarterly, along with recommendations, by the Joint Committee on Merging Commissions,

It was voted that the Commission on Evangelism and the Board of Publication, after joint consultation be empowered, if in their judgment it seems wise, to proceed with the publication of a denominational quarterly.

IX. PROMOTIONAL LITERATURE CONTINUED

WHEREAS, our attention has been called to the rich flow of helpful literature coming from our former offices of evangelism,

It was voted that all this valuable promotional literature be commended to the Commission on Evangelism of The Evangelical United Brethren Church for study and publication of such items as may seem to the Commission to be helpful in the United Church.

X. LENDING LIBRARY

WHEREAS, there has been a request from the 34th General Conference of the former Evangelical Church to continue the Lending Libraries in Evangelism,

It was voted that they be continued, according to such plan as the Commission shall determine after careful study.

XI. DEVELOPING STANDARDS AND LISTING EVANGELISTS

WHEREAS, there has been a request for the continuation and expansion of the service rendered by the former Evangelical Church Commission on Evangelism in developing standards for evangelists and the listing of qualified evangelists,

It was voted that this service be continued and expanded by the Commission on Evangelism of The Evangelical United Brethren Church.

XII. QUADRENNIAL PROGRAM OF EVANGELISM

WHEREAS, the Joint Committee on Merging Commissions on Evangelism proposed a quadrennial program for evangelism, (see pages 90-96, Official White Book of Reports).

It was voted that this program be adopted and that it be referred to the Commission on Evangelism for direction and specific implementation. (See pages 90-96, Official White Book of Reports, for this program with its preamble and its five sections on Evangelism in the Denomination, the Annual Conference, the Local Church, the Community, and the various Educational Institutions and Agencies of our Church.)

WE MUST GO "FORWARD TOGETHER WITH CHRIST" IN EVANGELISM

We look forward with eager expectancy to the potential power for evangelistic endeavor which we are sure will become real power in our new and enriched and enlarged fellowship—The Evangelical United Brethren Church—if we will but submit ourselves to the will of God, accept the

saving grace and divine lordship of Jesus Christ, and allow ourselves to become sanctified channels of the power of the Holy Spirit. We pray God that he may call us this day to complete dedication to his purposes. May our bishops and church leaders point the way and lead us into the fullness of this great experience and work of evangelism, and may we follow enthusiastically God's leadership through them.

We call upon this First General Conference of The Evangelical United Brethren Church, each leader, each delegate, each visiting friend, to kneel before Almighty God in penitent prayer, humble submission, and earnest petition that the power of God may sweep through our souls and through our Church in a mighty Pentecost—now, and in the days ahead.

We cannot go "Forward Together With Christ" unless we go "With" him, closely following after him. His great promise, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men" (Matthew 4:19) is also for us in our day. Let us follow him in prayer, in concern for the lost, in witnessing, teaching, preaching, living—EVANGELISM!

D. E. YOUNG, C. L. ALLEN, *Co-Chairmen*
RALPH M. HOLDEMAN, *Secretary*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

The proceedings of the General Council of Administration were ratified at the 34th General Conference of the former Evangelical Church and the proceedings of the Board of Administration were ratified at the special session of the General Conference of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ,

THEREFORE, your Committee on Proceedings of the Council of Administration submits the following commendation which is pertinent for the General Conference now assembled:

WHEREAS there has been properly presented a resolution pertaining to the publishing of an official weekly church bulletin and whereas we regard as valuable the use of such a bulletin of devotional and promotional value, and

WHEREAS there has not been heretofore a weekly church bulletin published by the former Evangelical Church, and

WHEREAS the United Brethren weekly bulletin service edited and published by the Rev. C. E. Rettew, director of publicity of the East Pennsylvania (UB) Conference, has been commended to the pastors and general secretaries of the former United Brethren Church, and

In consideration of the more than five years of service, during which time the Rev. C. E. Rettew has edited and published the United Brethren Worship Bulletin Service at his own-risk, and for a while at a loss to himself, but, with increasing acceptance until the circulation today among Evangelical United Brethren Churches exceeds 60,000 copies per week, and

In consideration of Reverend Mr. Rettew's services during these five years in designing, editing and publishing Special Day Bulletins for the former United Brethren Church, including Foreign Missions, Bonebrake Theological Seminary, Education Day, the various colleges, Young People's Anniversary, Children's Day, series of special Stewardship Bulletins, and recently, with acceptability to the general secretaries and pastors, the Men's Day bulletin for the former Evangelical Church

THEREFORE, be it resolved that we endorse the existing United Brethren weekly bulletin service edited and published by the Rev. C. E. Rettew as a weekly church bulletin of The Evangelical United Brethren Church, worthy of commendation and support, and further, that

We commend its use to pastors and the general secretaries of the several church departments, and that we acknowledge this service as an aid to worship and as a unifying agency with personalized promotional value by an outstanding specialist, of our Evangelical United Brethren Church, of tested loyalty to our Church, and to the interests of the kingdom of God.

—COMMITTEE

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS

1. In response to the reference from the report of Committee on Spiritual Aims and Missions and Benevolence Budget, recommending that the Executive Secretary of the Council of Administration serve as the general statistician of the denomination, and that he be authorized to function as the denominational representative to give monthly releases to papers concerning the work of the church, and, since the Discipline, Paragraph 208, page 84, requires the General Conference to elect by ballot a General Statistician for the quadrennium,

RESOLVED, that the Executive Secretary of the General Council of Administration is nominated for that office.

2. Since the Committee has been instructed in the Functions of the General Conference Committees, page 20 of the "Official White Book," to formulate and recommend for use all statistical report blanks for the quadrennium,

We recommend that each congregation shall use for the present the Quarterly Conference report blank that has been provided by the former denomination and that the General Council of Administration provide new blanks for use as early in the quadrennium as possible.

3. In harmony with the memorials referred to this committee, we submit the following forms for the Annual Statistical Blanks.

LOCAL CHURCH REPORT TO THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE THE EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH

Conference..... Date.....
 Charge
 Church
 Minister
 Address

RULES FOR REPORTING

The following items of information for each local church have been authorized by the General Conference. Please observe the following rules in making your report: (1) prepare a separate report for each organized church on the charge; (2) prepare a duplicate copy for yourself or your successor; (3) be sure that item 1 on membership is correct (see note); (4) report finances in dollars—do not report cents; (5) be careful that totals are a correct summary of items that are to be included in said totals.

Membership and Worship

1. Members reported at close of last year (*Note: Be sure this is the figure reported last year at item 6.*)
2. Gain during Conference Year by:
 - a. Confession of Faith
 - b. Certificate of Transfer (*Evangelical United Brethren Church*)
 - c. Certificate of Membership (*other denominations*)
 - d. Change of boundary
 - e. TOTAL GAIN (*add items a, b, c, and d*)
3. Loss during Conference Year by:
 - f. Death
 - g. Certificate of Transfer (*Evangelical United Brethren Church*)
 - h. Certificate of Membership (*other denominations*)
 - i. Withdrawn with Certificate
 - j. Withdrawn without Certificate
 - k. Expulsion
 - l. Change of boundary
 - m. TOTAL LOSS (*add items f, g, h, i, j, k and l*)
4. Net Gain (*report difference if 2-e is greater than 3-m*)
5. Net Loss (*report difference if 3-m is greater than 2-e*)
6. Present Membership (*item 1 plus item 4 or item 1 minus item 5*)

7. Non-resident Members
8. Members under 13 years of age
9. Conversions (*include all received on Confession of Faith*)
10. Baptisms (*adults*)
11. Baptisms (*children*)
12. Average attendance at Sunday Morning Worship Service
13. Average attendance at Sunday Evening Worship Service
14. Average attendance at Mid-week Worship Service

Christian Education and Other Organizations

15. Number of Sunday Schools
16. Officers and Teachers (*do not recount these in the enrollment by Divisions*)
17. Enrollment of Children's Division (*birth to 11 years inclusive*)
 Nursery Beginners Primary Junior TOTAL
18. Enrollment of Young People's Division (*12 to 24 years inclusive*)
19. Enrollment of Adult Division (*25 years and over*)
20. Enrollment of Home Department
21. TOTAL S. S. ENROLLMENT (*add items 16 to 20*)
22. Average Attendance (*divide total for year by number of sessions*)
23. Number added to the Church from Sunday School during year
24. Enrolled in Vacation Church Schools
25. Enrolled in Week-day Church Schools
26. Enrolled in Leadership Education Courses
27. Number of Catechetical and/or Pastor's Classes
28. Enrollment of Catechetical and/or Pastor's Classes
29. Number of Adult C. E. Leagues
30. Enrollment of Adult C. E. Leagues
31. Number of Youth Fellowships:
 - A. Unified Plan:
 Intermediate Senior Young People TOTAL
 - B. Correlated Plan:
 - (1) C. E. Leagues:
 Intermediate Senior Young People TOTAL
 - (2) Missionary Organizations: (*include Girls' Missionary Guild*)
 Intermediate Senior Young People TOTAL
 - (3) Sunday School Departments:
 Intermediate Senior Young People TOTAL
32. Enrollment of Youth Fellowship:
 - A. Unified Plan:
 Intermediate Senior Young People TOTAL
 - B. Correlated Plan:
 - (1) C. E. Leagues:
 Intermediate Senior Young People TOTAL
 - (2) Missionary Organizations (*include Girls' Missionary Guild*)
 Intermediate Senior Young People TOTAL
 - (3) Sunday School Departments
 Intermediate Senior Young People TOTAL
33. Number of Junior Leagues
34. Enrollment of Junior Leagues
35. Number of Brotherhoods
36. Participating Members in Brotherhoods
37. Number of Women's Societies of World Service
38. Members in Women's Societies of World Service
39. Number of Christian Service Guilds

40. Members in Christian Service Guilds
41. Number using Cooperative Plan of missionary education for children
42. Enrollment in Cooperative Plan
43. Number of Mission Bands
44. Enrollment in Mission Bands
45. Number of Little Herald Departments
46. Enrollment in Little Herald Departments
47. Number of Ladies' Aid Societies
48. Members in Ladies' Aid Societies
49. Number attending Evangelical United Brethren colleges
50. Number attending other colleges

Literature

51. Telescope-Messenger
52. Builders
53. The World Evangel
54. Teachers' Publications:
 - a. Bible Teacher
 - b. Children's Worker
55. Reading Papers:
 - a. Children's Stories
 - b. Boys and Girls
 - c. Friends
 - d. Our Home
56. Uniform Series:
 - a. Home Bible Studies
 - b. Adult Bible Studies
 - c. Youth Bible Studies
 - d. Intermediate Bible Studies
 - e. Junior Bible Studies
 - f. Primary Bible Stories
 - g. Today's Bible Study (*lesson leaf*)
57. Cycle Graded Series:
 - a. Intermediate Bible Lessons
 - b. Junior Bible Lessons
 - c. Primary Bible Lessons
 - d. Beginners' Bible Lessons

Finances

A. Missions and Benevolences

58. Missions and Benevolence Budget Apportionment
59. Paid on Missions and Benevolence Budget Apportionment
60. Missions and Benevolence contributions *not in budget apportionment*:
 - a. Women's Society of World Service and Auxiliary Contributions (*including Guild Contributions*)
 - b. Youth Fellowship World Service Contributions
 - c. Miscellaneous—Missions
 - d. Homes and Orphanages
 - e. General Board of Pensions Apportionment
 - f. Miscellaneous—Denominational Benevolence
 - g. Miscellaneous—Non-denominational Benevolence
61. Total Missions and Benevolence Contributions *Not in budget apportionment*
62. TOTAL FOR MISSIONS AND BENEVOLENCE (*item 59 plus item 61*)

B. Local Expenditures

63. Minister's Cash Salary from local church
64. Value of Parsonage Rent

65. From appropriation
 66. TOTAL SUPPORT OF MINISTER
 67. Other Current Expense including maintenance—congregational (see item 75)
 68. Sunday School Expenditures *not in other items in this section on finances*
 69. Vacation and Week-day School Expenditures *not in other items in this section on finances*
 70. Youth Fellowship Expenditures (*include expenditures of Girls' Guilds*)
 71. Brotherhood Expenditures *not in other items in this section on finances*
 72. Women's Society of World Service and Auxiliary Expenditures
 73. Ladies' Aid Society Expenditures *not in other items in this section on finances*
 74. Paid on New Buildings
 75. Paid on Improvements (*major and not included in item 67*)
 76. Paid into Reserve Funds and/or Trust Funds
 77. Paid on Indebtedness
 78. Paid on Interest
 79. TOTAL LOCAL EXPENDITURES (*add items 63 to 78, omitting item 65 and item 66*)
 80. Increase in Indebtedness
 81. Decrease in Reserve and/or Trust Funds
 82. Total deductions (*add items 80 and 81*)
 83. Net Total for Local Expense (*subtract item 82 from item 79*)
 84. TOTAL FOR ALL PURPOSES (*add items 62 and 83*)
 85. Average per member for Missions and Benevolences
 86. Average per member for All Purposes
- Note: To get averages in items 85 and 86, use present membership as reported in item 6.*

Congregational Property

87. Number of Churches
88. Number of Parsonages
89. Value of Churches
90. Value of Parsonages
91. Value of other Congregational Property
92. TOTAL VALUE OF CONGREGATIONAL PROPERTY (*add items 89, 90 and 91*)
93. Indebtedness on Churches
94. Indebtedness on Parsonages
95. Indebtedness on other Congregational Property
96. Restricted Funds in Reserve and/or Trust Funds

Submitted by..... Minister

CONFERENCE STATISTICAL REPORT

Note: This sheet is for tabulating the totals of the chart as they appear in the Evangelical United Brethren Year Book. The Conference Statistician is requested to tabulate said figures and return the report promptly to D. T. Gregory, General Statistician, 1444 U. B. Building, Dayton 2, Ohio.

Conference..... Date.....

Table I—Ministry

Note: Items in Table I to be compiled by Conference Statistician, therefore are not numbered.

- A. Number of Elders in the Conference

- B. Itinerant Ministers:
 - a. Active
 - b. Supernumerary
 - c. Superannuated
- C. Local Ministers
- D. Probationers:
 - a. Active
 - b. Inactive
- E. Number of Charges
- F. Number of Organized Congregations
- G. Number of Appointments not Organized

Table II—Membership and Worship

1. Members reported at close of last year
Note: Be sure this is the figure reported last year at item 6.
2. Gain during Conference Year by:
 - a. Confession of Faith
 - b. Certificate of Transfer (*Evangelical United Brethren Church*)
 - c. Certificate of Membership (*other denominations*)
 - d. Change of boundary
 - e. TOTAL GAIN (*add items a, b, c and d*)
3. Loss during Conference Year by:
 - f. Death
 - g. Certificate of Transfer (*Evangelical United Brethren Church*)
 - h. Certificate of Membership (*other denominations*)
 - i. Withdraw with Certificate
 - j. Withdrawn without Certificate
 - k. Expulsion
 - l. Change of Boundary

CONFERENCE STATISTICIAN NOTE: On report of the Conference, gain by "change of boundary" and loss by "change of boundary" must equal each other unless the change involves another conference.

- m. TOTAL LOSS (*add items f, g, h, i, j, k, and l*)
- 4. Net Gain (*report difference if 2-e is greater than 3-m*)
- 5. Net Loss (*report difference if 3-m is greater than 2-e*)
- 6. Present Membership (*item 1 plus item 4 or item 1 minus item 5*)
- 7. Non-resident Members
- 8. Members under 13 years of age
- 9. Conversions (*include all received on Confession of Faith*)
- 10. Baptisms (*adults*)
- 11. Baptisms (*children*)
- 12. Average attendance at Sunday Morning Worship Service
- 13. Average attendance at Sunday Evening Worship Service
- 14. Average attendance at Mid-week Worship Service

Table III—Christian Education and Other Organizations

15. Number of Sunday Schools
16. Officers and Teachers
17. Enrollment of Children's Division (*birth to 11 years inclusive*)
Nursery Beginners Primary Junior TOTAL
18. Enrollment of Young People's Division (*12 to 24 years inclusive*)
19. Enrollment of Adult Division (*25 years and over*)
20. Enrollment of Home Department
21. TOTAL S. S. ENROLLMENT (*add items 16 to 20*)
22. Average Attendance
23. Number added to the Church from Sunday School during year

24. Enrolled in Vacation Church Schools
25. Enrolled in Week-day Church Schools
26. Enrolled in Leadership Education Courses
27. Number of Catechetical and/or Pastor's Classes
28. Enrollment of Catechetical and/or Pastor's Classes
29. Number of Adult C. E. Leagues
30. Enrollment of Adult C. E. Leagues
31. Number of Youth Fellowships:
 - A. Unified Plan:

Intermediate	Senior	Young People	TOTAL
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 - B. Correlated Plan:
 - (1) C. E. Leagues:

Intermediate	Senior	Young People	TOTAL
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 - (2) Missionary Organizations:

Intermediate	Senior	Young People	TOTAL
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 - (3) Sunday School Departments:

Intermediate	Senior	Young People	TOTAL
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32. Enrollment of Youth Fellowship:
 - A. Unified Plan:

Intermediate	Senior	Young People	TOTAL
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 - B. Correlated Plan:
 - (1) C. E. Leagues:

Intermediate	Senior	Young People	TOTAL
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 - (2) Missionary Organizations:

Intermediate	Senior	Young People	TOTAL
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 - (3) Sunday School Departments:

Intermediate	Senior	Young People	TOTAL
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33. Number of Junior Leagues
34. Enrollment of Junior Leagues
35. Number of Brotherhoods
36. Participating Members in Brotherhoods
37. Number of Women's Societies of World Service
38. Members in Women's Societies of World Service
39. Number of Christian Service Guilds
40. Members in Christian Service Guilds
41. Number using Cooperative Plan of missionary education for children
42. Enrollment in Cooperative Plan
43. Number of Mission Bands
44. Enrollment in Mission Bands
45. Number of Little Herald Departments
46. Enrollment in Little Herald Departments
47. Number of Ladies' Aid Societies
48. Members in Ladies' Aid Societies
49. Number attending Evangelical United Brethren colleges
50. Number attending other colleges

Table IV—Literature

51. Telescope-Messenger
52. Builders
53. The World Evangel
54. Teachers' Publications:
 - a. Bible Teacher
 - b. Children's Worker
55. Reading Papers:
 - a. Children's Stories

- b. Boys and Girls
- c. Friends
- d. Our Home
- 56. Uniform Series:
 - a. Home Bible Studies
 - b. Adult Bible Studies
 - c. Youth Bible Studies
 - d. Intermediate Bible Studies
 - e. Junior Bible Studies
 - f. Primary Bible Stories
 - g. Today's Bible Study (*lesson leaf*)
- 57. Cycle Graded Series:
 - a. Intermediate Bible Lessons
 - b. Junior Bible Lessons
 - c. Primary Bible Lessons
 - d. Beginners' Bible Lessons

Table V—Finances

A. Missions and Benevolences

- 58. Missions and Benevolence Budget Apportionment
- 59. Paid on Missions and Benevolence Budget Apportionment
- 60. Missions and Benevolence Contributions *not in budget apportionment*:
 - a. Women's Society of World Service and Auxiliary Contributions (*including Guild Contributions*)
 - b. Youth Fellowship World Service Contributions
 - c. Miscellaneous—Missions
 - d. Homes and Orphanages
 - e. General Board of Pensions Apportionment
 - f. Miscellaneous—Denominational Benevolence
 - g. Miscellaneous—Non-denominational Benevolence
- 61. Total Missions and Benevolence Contributions *not in budget apportionment*
- 62. TOTAL FOR MISSIONS AND BENEVOLENCE (*item 59 plus item 61*)

B. Local Expenditures

- 63. Ministers' Cash Salary paid by local churches
- 64. Value of Parsonage Rent
- 65. Received from Appropriations
- 66. TOTAL SUPPORT OF MINISTERS
- 67. Other Current Expense including maintenance—congregational (*see item 75*)
- 68. Sunday School Expenditures *not in other items in this Table V*
- 69. Vacation and Week-day School Expenditures *not in other items in this Table V*
- 70. Youth Fellowship Expenditures (*including expenditures of Girls' Guilds*)
- 71. Brotherhood Expenditures *not in other items in this Table V*
- 72. Women's Society of World Service and Auxiliary Expenditures
- 73. Ladies' Aid Society Expenditures *not in other items in this Table V*
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- 75. Paid on Improvements (*major and not included in item 67*)
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- 86. Average per member for All Purposes

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Table VI—Property

A. Congregational Property

- 87. Number of Churches
- 88. Number of Parsonages
- 89. Value of Churches
- 90. Value of Parsonages
- 91. Value of other Congregational Property
- 92. TOTAL VALUE OF CONGREGATIONAL PROPERTY (*add items 89, 90 and 91*)
- 93. Indebtedness on Churches
- 94. Indebtedness on Parsonages
- 95. Indebtedness on other Congregational Property
- 96. Restricted funds in Reserve and/or Trust Funds

B. Conference Property

NOTE: Items 97 to 107 are for Conference statistics, therefore do not appear on Local Church Report.

- 97. Number of District Parsonages
- 98. Value of District Parsonages
- 99. Value of other Conference Property
- 100. Paid Interest on Conference Indebtedness
- 101. Paid on Conference Indebtedness
- 102. Remaining Conference Indebtedness

Table VII—Analysis of Missions and Benevolence Giving

- 103. Total Paid by Conference on Missions and Benevolence Budgets
 - a.% to General Causes
 - b.% to Conference Interests

Note: Items 103-a and 103-b together must equal item 103.

A. Missions

- 104. Contributions for Missions:
 - a.% from General Causes, item 103-a for Missions
 - b.% from Conference Interests, item 103-b for Conference Missions
 - c. Women's Society of World Service and Auxiliary Contributions (*as reported in Table V, item 60-a*)
 - d. Youth Fellowship World Service Contributions (*as reported in Table V, item 60-b*)
 - e. Miscellaneous Missions (*as reported in Table V, item 60-c*)
- 105. TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR MISSIONS (*total of items under 104*)

B. Benevolences

- 106. Contributions for Benevolence:
 - a.% from General Causes, item 103-a for Benevolence
 - b.% from Conference Interests, item 103-b for Benevolence
 - c. Homes and Orphanages (*as reported in Table V, item 60-d*)
 - d. General Board of Pensions Apportionment (*as reported in Table V, item 60-e*)

- e. Miscellaneous—denominational benevolence (*as reported in Table V, item 60-f*)
- f. Miscellaneous—non-denominational benevolence (*as reported in Table V, item 60-g*)

107. TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR BENEVOLENCE (*total of items under 106*)

Note: The total of items 105 and 107 must equal item 62 in Table V.

Submitted by

Conference Statistician

A Complete Conference Roll with Post-Office address of every member should also accompany this report.

RESOLUTION

Relative to Quarterly Conference Report Blanks

We recommend, That each congregation shall now use the Quarterly Conference Report Blank that has been provided by the former denominations and that the General Council of Administration provide new blanks for use as early in the quadrennium as possible.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN SOCIAL ACTION

Since the Church is called to "minister to the physical, intellectual, and social needs of those to whom it preaches the gospel of personal redemption," it should guide them in an intelligent and faithful endeavor to improve human conditions and to Christianize every area of human life. "The church should co-operate with worthy movements in the community, nation, and world, for physical development, intellectual growth, social betterment, and spiritual enrichment." (Paragraph 1477, Discipline).

We therefore recommend that this General Conference record its convictions in the following areas:

THE HOME

The church faces the need of giving greater attention to undergird the home with those spiritual forces that make for its preservation and sanctity. We recommend the following:

1. That the family altar be maintained in our church homes.
2. That we make available to our churches the best materials on the home.
3. That we urge our pastors to give careful and earnest premarital instruction to establish the home on a Christian foundation, and our churches to co-operate with the courts and social agencies in a determined effort to save those homes which are threatened.

RACE RELATIONS

Our Discipline well says: "The church respects human personality inherent in the people of every race, and protests against social, economic, or political discrimination based merely on racial differences." We therefore urge our members:

1. To encourage inter-racial fellowship.
2. To maintain friendly relations through the home, school and church.
3. To oppose all practices of racial segregation.
4. To keep our churches open to men of all races.
5. To support legislation in harmony with these convictions.

JAPANESE-AMERICANS

A great injustice was done to many loyal Japanese-American citizens when they were uprooted in violation of the Bill of Rights in the early days of the war with consequent serious financial losses and the shattering of their faith in our democratic ideals.

We, therefore, recommend that this General Conference urge the United States government through the War Department to provide liberal reimbursements to these evacuees for their losses as quickly as possible, and that everything possible be done to re-establish the time-honored rights of our democratic heritage as American citizens regardless of racial background, and that we instruct our secretary to convey this action.

TEMPERANCE

The Episcopal Address of this General Conference has reaffirmed that our Church has "always been uncompromising with the beverage liquor traffic. Moreover, we have stood for temperance in all things. There has been no uncertain sound in our voice nor has our policy been altered because of recent developments." The Church must prepare and implement a program of instructions, positive action, and an increased sense of social responsibility. We urge the adoption of the following:

1. The Church must manifest greater concern for the victims of alcoholic beverages and for those injured by their effects.
2. Since the problems of alcohol are interwoven with other problems, the Church must attack these problems both directly, and through attacking other problems.
3. The Church must attack the problems on the community level, co-operating with other groups with this proviso, that the particular program deals with some real problem of alcohol and, further, that it does not compromise the church's position and witness with the process of co-operation.
4. That we print and release the Manual on Alcohol Education prepared by the Committee on Alcohol Education of the former Evangelical Church, and that this manuscript be referred to the new Commission on Christian Social Action for early publication.

We further recommend:

1. That this General Conference urge all our ministers and members to give serious and prayerful consideration to social and business drinking practices in the light of Christian principles for both individual and social well-being.
2. That this General Conference call for a major effort in alcohol education and action in every local church, and authorize the Commission on Christian Social Action to develop and promote a church-wide program in the most effective way.
3. That this General Conference, through our secretary, respectfully requests the President of the United States to remove from military establishments all alcoholic beverages.
4. That this General Conference records its support of an early interdenominational program of alcohol education and action under the leadership of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America.
5. That the General Council of Administration set a date for the observance of "Temperance Sunday," and commend the proposal to seek, through worship, the adoption of personal pledges of total abstinence from all alcoholic beverages.
6. That we authorize the Commission on Christian Social Action to send one or more representatives each year to the Yale School of Alcohol Studies, preferably persons from our editorial staff, or from among the professors in our educational institutions.

ECONOMIC WELFARE

In harmony with paragraph 1924, Book of Discipline, we affirm our convictions:

1. All the sources of economic values are sacred, including natural resources, labor, and management. We call upon our people to accept the responsibility of using these values in harmony with the principles of Christian stewardship.

2. If there is to be a continued market for the products of farm, factory, and mine, there must be adequate purchasing power in the hands of the masses.

3. We approve the participation of the wage-earner in the rewards of labor, through some equitable program of profit-sharing, and the development of closer co-operation between employer and employee.

4. We believe in the right of labor to organize and bargain collectively in order that workers may be protected from exploitation and may procure just wages and wholesome working conditions. We believe that this right of labor carries with it the responsibility to prevent jurisdictional strikes, and to give honest service for wages received. We regret that workers are sometimes used as tools by labor leaders.

5. Since the Church has a moral obligation to the youth of the world, we are opposed to all employment which is detrimental to the physical or spiritual welfare of childhood.

6. We urge that our Church be more aggressive through the Commission on Christian Social Action in solving the problems of capital and labor.

MATERIAL AID FOR WAR RELIEF

Since there are tragic human needs in the wake of the worst war ever experienced by mankind, and since many thousands of dollars now in reserve have been contributed by our people for the purpose of relief, and since our people are desirous of expressing their Christian compassion still further in projects of direct material aid, and since we hold in our hands the issues between life and death for many thousands who lack food, shelter, and clothing, therefore, we recommend:

1. That the Board of Missions set up as soon as possible suitable channels through which funds now on hand for these humanitarian purposes shall be translated into immediate material aid.

2. That the Board of Missions formulate plans to enlist our people in our local churches in projects of real goods and services as long as such needs exist.

DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE VATICAN

The separation of church and state has been the great bulwark of religious freedom in America. It has insured a policy of equal treatment of all religious bodies by the national government. It has afforded to every church an equal opportunity to develop its inherent possibilities.

It is for this reason that we are firmly opposed to the establishment of diplomatic relations between the United States and the Vatican. To establish such relations would confer upon one church a special preferential status in relation to the American Government. Such a status would be contrary to the spirit of our American tradition.

A continuing official connection between our Government and the Vatican would also have the unfortunate effect of encouraging the un-American policy of a union of church and state. The Roman Church has always advocated such a union. It regards itself, in fact, as both a church and a state. Our nation rejects the union of church and state. We do not say that a temporary contact for a clearly defined purpose of negotiation concerning a specific political matter may not be arranged if occasion arises. However, this does not require the maintenance of regular diplomatic relations.

WHEREAS, the President of the United States has his appointed "personal representative" at the Vatican, but has promised to recall him as soon as this wartime emergency is concluded; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that we hereby appeal to him for a faithful adherence to his public statement, and insist that we should not reverse an established policy of which the American people as a whole have been justly proud; and, further, be it

RESOLVED, that this Conference, through its secretary, convey this action to President Truman.

WAR AND PEACE

"The Church believes that war and bloodshed are contrary to the Christian conception of human welfare, and violate the basic principles of universal brotherhood, and, therefore, are not compatible with the gospel and spirit of Christ." (Paragraph 1927). It is therefore the duty of every Christian to work for peace, to "foster the spirit of understanding, mutual trust, and co-operation among all the peoples and nations of the world." The large number of our boys who gave their lives that our democratic institutions might endure, calls not merely for grateful recognition, but for a renewed consecration on our part to the building of the world in which such sacrifice may not be made necessary in the future.

We call attention to the young men of The Evangelical United Brethren Church who were assigned to Civilian Public Service Camps during the war as conscientious objectors. We express appreciation to the Peace Churches for their service to these young men. In spite of their generosity in assuming the financial burden entailed, we feel a sense of moral responsibility to reimburse those Peace Churches for the money expended; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that this Conference declares itself as opposed to the continued punishment of men for fidelity to their religious or humanitarian beliefs as violating freedom of conscience, and hereby instructs its secretary to petition the President of the United States to issue an immediate amnesty to all who have been imprisoned for such cause.

RESOLVED, that this body record its opposition to conscription and compulsory military service in time of peace, and that this action be conveyed to the chairmen of the Committees on Military Affairs of the House and of the Senate by our secretary.

RESOLVED, that this body records its purpose to support and encourage every agency making for unity among the nations.

Because of the immensity of the task which the Church faces in the field of Christian Social Action, we submit for consideration by the General Council of Administration the possibility of creating a full-time Director of Christian Social Action in The Evangelical United Brethren Church.

We appreciate the address of Dr. Robert T. Taylor, General Secretary of the American Bible Society, and pledge our continued co-operation in the important work of distributing the Scriptures.

We note with appreciation the address of Capt. Milton H. Petzold (Ch. C) U. S. N., District Chaplain, and recommend that this body favor the appointment of the number of representatives to which our Church is entitled on the Commission on Army and Navy Chaplains, and that this appointment be referred to the General Council of Administration.

We recommend that samples of each of the materials which the former Church of the United Brethren in Christ and the former Evangelical Church prepared and sent to those in National Service be presented to our General Historical Society for proper placement in a depository.

We note with appreciation the work which has been done in the area of Christian Social Action as reported by Prof. Roy D. Miller for the former United Brethren Church, and Dr. Raymond M. Veh for the former Evangelical Church, and commend these boards for their splendid service.

We have also received the address by Dr. G. W. Crabbe, superintendent of the National Anti-Saloon League with a keen sense of the seriousness of the alcohol problem, and hereby commit ourselves to do all within our power to aid in its solution.

WHEREAS, your Committee on Christian Social Action is greatly disturbed by the numerous evils in our social order; and

WHEREAS, we believe this faces us with a tremendous challenge as a church; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that we earnestly commend to all the members of The Evangelical United Brethren Church the thoughtful and prayerful reading

of pages 395-400 of our Discipline, and urge the consequent action on the part of each member to make these great truths effective in personal and social conduct.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. HILTON	} Co-chairmen
H. W. KAEBNICK	
ROY D. MILLER	} Co-secretaries
H. L. ORIAN	

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EPISCOPACY

We, your Committee on Episcopacy, recommend the following:

1. The Committee on Episcopacy has reviewed with keen interest and deep appreciation the comprehensive and masterly Episcopal Address delivered in behalf of the Board of Bishops by the Senior Bishop, A. R. Clippinger; and it recommends that its specific references to proposed advances in the fields of missions, world peace, temperance and prohibition be seriously considered by the appropriate General Conference committees and implemented by every local congregation in the Church.

2. That there be elected nine bishops for the ensuing quadrennium, five from the former Church of the United Brethren in Christ and four from the former Evangelical Church, using the special ballot provided for this purpose.

3. That the following rules govern the election:

- (a.) The chairman shall read the disciplinary provisions governing the election of bishops.
- (b.) The balloting shall continue until nine bishops have been elected.
- (c.) A ballot containing a greater or fewer number of names than the number to be voted for shall be rejected.

4. That we approve the resolution of the Joint Board of Bishops as shown on page 54 of the White Book, prepared for the first session of the General Conference of The Evangelical United Brethren Church, reading as follows:

"RESOLVED,

(1) That for the first quadrennium of The Evangelical United Brethren Church, the episcopal areas shall remain as they were constituted in their respective former communions.

(2) That for the first quadrennium of The Evangelical United Brethren Church, all the bishops re-elected be assigned to the episcopal areas over which they had supervision in their former communions."

5. That hereinafter the Bishop's Areas be designated as the Eastern Area (UB), Eastern Area (Ev), Central Area (UB), Central Area (Ev), North-western Area (UB), Northwestern Area (Ev), Southwestern Area (UB), Southwestern Area (Ev), and Pacific Area (UB).

6. That the salary for bishops be \$5000 per year.

7. That Bishops be granted \$250 per year for stenographic help and postage; and that whenever the General Church or the Board of Bishops makes a specific assignment to a bishop beyond his areal duties and such assignment requires stenographic help and travel expenses, such expense shall, upon authorization of the Board of Bishops, be paid out of the miscellaneous appropriation to the Episcopal Fund.

8. That \$720 be provided by the General Missions and Benevolence Budget as house rent for each active bishops as follows:

- (a.) Where an episcopal area furnishes a residence for the bishop, the rental allowance of \$720 annually be paid to the trustees of the Bishop's Parsonage of the area for repairs and upkeep of the property.
- (b.) Where an episcopal area rents a property for an episcopal residence, the rental allowance of \$720 shall be paid to the area.

- (c.) Where a bishop resides in his own house or in a rented house, using it as an episcopal residence, upon order from the bishop the rental allowance of \$720 annually be paid to the landlord.

9. That this General Conference recognize the former superannuated status of Bishop H. H. Fout and Bishop G. D. Batdorf, that they be given the honorary title of Bishop Emeritus and that they be granted a retirement allowance of one-third of the salary received by the active bishops as provided in Section X, Paragraph 444, Page 135, of the Discipline of The Evangelical United Brethren Church.

C. A. LYNCH AND EDWIN HEINA, *Co-chairmen*
R. H. TURLEY, *Secretary*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

I. GENERAL ITEMS

1. WHEREAS, there has been presented a recommendation from the General Conference of the former Evangelical Church, asking that a study be made, during the next quadrennium, concerning the advisability of establishing a Bible School for the benefit of those persons who desire a greater knowledge of the Bible, and

WHEREAS, the matter of making some definite provision for the recruiting of Christian young women for Christian service and the matter of setting up a standard of training for them in the schools of the Church, consecrating and giving them a certain standing as Christian workers in the denomination, has been referred to this General Conference, and

WHEREAS, the General Conference of the former Church of the United Brethren in Christ presented a recommendation requesting that a commission of five or more persons be charged with the responsibility of making a careful study of the present resources and opportunities of all the colleges and seminaries of The Evangelical United Brethren Church with a view to meeting the vital necessity for an intelligent program of higher education, adequate to meet the needs of the Church, reviewing specifically such items as (a) the enlargement of services through the adding of staff members and courses, (b) the allocation of territory, and (c) preserving the "status quo" of our institutions during the interim of such a study, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that these items be referred to the General Board of Christian Education for report to the next regular session of the General Conference of The Evangelical United Brethren Church. Be it further

RESOLVED, that a study be made to ascertain the number of ministers, missionaries, and other professional religious workers who need to be recruited annually not only in order to meet the replacement requirements for such personnel, but also to meet the needs for personnel in an expanding church program. This study is to be made by the Committee on Ministerial Standards and Supply of the General Board of Christian Education as provided in the Discipline.

2. WHEREAS, the course of study as found on pages 143-146 of the "Official White Book" has been referred to this Committee, we recommend the adoption of this course and that it be Chapter XX of the Discipline under the chapter title, "Ministerial Training and Courses of Study."

3. WHEREAS, we believe the Christian ministry needs the finest of young manhood in Christian experience and character, in intelligence and in leadership ability, and

WHEREAS, there is included in the Discipline as Chapter XX, paragraph 1569-A, and 1569-B, provision for a General Commission on Ministerial Training and for Conference Boards of Ministerial Training, setting forth the duties of these Commissions including the study of the needs of our ministry, the seeking of suitable persons for enlistment for the ministry, and the giving of continued guidance and counsel to such persons as they progress in their preparation for the high calling of the ministry, and

WHEREAS, the Bonebrake Seminary Committee of the General Conference of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ has urged that the Committee on Christian Education of the General Conference of The Evangelical United Brethren Church give consideration to the need for an aggressive program of recruitment and adequate preparation of pastors and missionaries, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that this General Conference register its appreciation and approval of this program on ministerial training and urge full support of all conferences, conference superintendents, ministers and laymen in accomplishing these objectives in order that the work of the Church may receive the highest quality of consecrated leadership.

4. WHEREAS, there has been presented to this General Conference a recommendation from the General Conference of the former Evangelical Church with reference to Audio-Visual Aids, and

WHEREAS, our publishing houses are agents for Audio-Visual equipment, therefore, be it

RESOLVED,

(1) That the General Board of Christian Education be requested to assume the responsibility in co-operation with the Board of Publication, of giving guidance in the field of Audio-Visual education with particular reference to the selection and use of materials, techniques, and equipment, and that all other Boards and Agencies of The Evangelical United Brethren Church be asked to co-operate with such a program of guidance.

(2) That membership in the Religious Film Association be secured jointly by the Board of Christian Education and the Board of Publication, and that the Evangelical United Brethren Church take membership in the Protestant Film Commission, the latter membership to be secured by the General Council of Administration and that Boards and Agencies co-operate with the General Council in such membership.

5. RESOLVED, that the fiscal year of the General Board of Christian Education be fixed to coincide with the fiscal year as set by the General Council of Administration for the Missions and Benevolence Fund, July 1 through June 30.

6. RESOLVED, that the plans for the uniting of the Albright and Otterbein Brotherhoods, as worked out by the Joint Committee of the Brotherhoods, be approved, excepting that there be no provision for a membership fee.

7. RESOLVED, that the proceedings of the joint meeting on merging Denominational Boards of Christian Education (pages 80-86 Official White Book), including the annual budget of the Board of Christian Education, be and hereby are adopted subject to a redistribution of amounts as may be necessary, provided that the total is not affected.

8. WHEREAS, the matter of the future status of the Sunday School and Tract Union was referred to this General Conference by the former Evangelical General Conference, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the General Board of Christian Education and the Board of Managers of the Sunday School and Tract Union, be and hereby are empowered by this General Conference to affect the merger of the Sunday School and Tract Union with the Board of Christian Education during this next quadrennium and that such merger be effected under the general supervision of the General Council of Administration.

9. WHEREAS, the matter of the pronunciation of the word EVANGELICAL, was referred to this General Conference,

RESOLVED, that we endorse the preferred pronunciation as given in Webster's New International Dictionary, the first letter being a long E, and with a secondary accent on the first letter, E, and a primary accent on the syllable, gel', making it E-van-gel'-ical.

10. WHEREAS, it is considered that a general gathering of all the men within our Church would be most helpful to the Brotherhood work as in

the case with similar general meetings of other interests in our Church life,

RESOLVED, that a Men's Congress be planned early in the quadrennium, and that the Board of Christian Education advise the proper period in order to avoid conflict with other such meetings.

11. WHEREAS, Paper No. 14, page 50, of the "Official White Book," sets forth the question of relationship between the Board of Christian Education and the Board of Publication in the preparation of curricula in The Evangelical United Brethren Church, be it

RESOLVED, that it shall be the joint responsibility of the Board of Christian Education and the Board of Publication to prepare and publish such curricula and that the Board of Publication appoint a Committee to work jointly with the Curriculum Committee of the Board of Christian Education.

12. RESOLVED, that the American Standard Version of the Scriptures shall be used in curricula materials during the quadrennium 1947-51, beginning July 1, 1947, and that we look with favor upon the use of the Revised Standard Version when it is completed for the entire Scriptures.

13. WHEREAS, the address which Bishop G. E. Epp delivered at the afternoon service of November 17, 1946, was referred to this Committee, it is our opinion that in view of the fact that General Conference authorized this address to be printed in the proceedings of the General Conference as well as in the weekly paper, that adequate provision has been made for its record and distribution.

14. RESOLVED, that the transactions of the General Board of Christian Education of the former Evangelical Church, proceedings of 1942-1946, and the actions of the General Board of Christian Education of the former Church of the United Brethren in Christ, be referred to the General Board of Christian Education for consideration and action regarding any items not otherwise provided for.

15. That the Board of Christian Education be empowered to select and appoint the first officers for the Youth Fellowship in order to launch that organization in the Church.

II. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM FORMER UNITED BRETHREN GENERAL CONFERENCE

WHEREAS, several recommendations from the General Conference of the former Church of the United Brethren in Christ have been referred to this General Conference of The Evangelical United Brethren Church for consideration, be it

RESOLVED,

1. That all general funds now held by the Boards of Christian Education, the Seminaries, and the Colleges for ministerial student scholarships, student aid and loans shall continue to be administered as they have been by the several Boards and institutions for which such funds have been or will be given.

2. That the plans in The Evangelical United Brethren Church designed to raise and administer funds for pre-theological and theological students and missionaries in training, throughout our denomination, also ministerial student scholarships, student aid and loan funds be referred to the Board of Christian Education for study and report to the next General Conference.

3. That the campaigns for colleges, seminaries and missions, authorized by the respective General Conferences of the former Evangelical Church and the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, be brought to a successful completion during the first quadrennium of The Evangelical United Brethren Church.

4. That the General Council of Administration of The Evangelical United Brethren Church make a study of the advisability of conducting a denomination-wide campaign, in the second quadrennium, for ministerial student scholarship funds, student aid and loan funds, either separately or as a part of a possible joint campaign including other general causes.

III. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE FORMER EVANGELICAL GENERAL CONFERENCE

WHEREAS, the General Conference of the former Evangelical Church considered and approved certain recommendations to be presented to this General Conference of The Evangelical United Brethren Church for consideration, therefore be it resolved that we adopt the following items:

1. That we co-operate in the program of the National Christian Teaching Mission.
2. That The Evangelical United Brethren Church be represented at the International Convention of Christian Endeavor which is to be held in San Francisco, July 8-13, 1947; also in the International Sunday School Convention which is to be held in Des Moines, Iowa, July 23-27, 1947, and that we as a denomination send our quota of delegates to the Second World Conference of Christian Youth, which is to be held in Oslo, Norway, in 1947.
3. That the practice, established by the General Board of Christian Education of the Evangelical Church, of a circulating library for the members of the Board, be referred to the new General Board of Christian Education for consideration.
4. That the General Board of Christian Education prepare and publish a manual on children's work.
5. That the General Board of Christian Education prepare and publish a guidance pamphlet on adult work, providing special reference to Adult Societies and Young Adult Work.
6. That the General Board of Christian Education prepare a Manual for Summer Assemblies and Camps, and that the Manual of the former Evangelical Church be re-edited and embodied in such a manual wherever possible, as well as similar materials of the former United Brethren Church, thus setting a standard for such summer gatherings.
7. That the General Board of Christian Education be requested carefully to evaluate the existing catechetical and doctrinal courses of the denomination with the view to developing a new graded curriculum and that the mechanics of such curriculum be administered by the General Board of Christian Education, the doctrinal content of which shall be under the direct supervision of the Bishops.
8. That a denominational manual for Boy Scout work be prepared and published in co-operation with the Boy Scouts of America, Inc., and under the direction of the General Board of Christian Education, also that the Brotherhood be asked to give active support to this movement.
9. That certain recommendations presented by the Children's Work Committee of the General Board of Christian Education of the former Evangelical Church be referred to the General Board of Christian Education for further study.
10. That the study of Christian educational trends as begun by the General Board of Christian Education of the former Evangelical Church be carried on by the new Board in order to evaluate our real purposes in Christian education.
11. That the General Board of Christian Education and the General Board of Missions co-operate in working out a complete graded program of missionary education to be integrated with the total educational program in local churches.
12. That the General Board of Christian Education be requested to project an Interboard Curriculum Conference early in the quadrennium for the purpose of considering a denominational curriculum outline with a view to unifying our respective teaching emphases, and that the following Boards be asked to participate: Board of Missions, Board of Christian Education, Commission on Evangelism, Commission on Christian Social Action, The Board of Publication and the General Council of Administration.

Also, that special consideration be given by this Curriculum Conference to a graded minimum required curriculum for our Sunday schools with a view

to establishing standard requirements in order to improve our teaching results.

13. That a uniform membership and record system for our Sunday schools be developed by our General Board of Christian Education.

14. That the General Board of Christian Education give special attention, during the quadrennium, to the program of Christian education in the smaller churches, with particular attention to the problems of the rural church.

15. That the General Board of Christian Education be requested to hold a Coaching Conference in 1947 for Intermediate Camp Directors, also that the matter of providing a resource leader in camping be referred to the General Board of Christian Education for study and action.

16. That a special study of our Sunday-school curriculum be considered with particular attention to the proposed Interboard Curriculum Conference and looking forward especially to future General Conference action with regard to the possible grading of denominational Sunday-school lessons.

17. That the General Board of Christian Education take under advisement the report of the Committee on Colleges and Seminaries of the former Evangelical Church dealing with certain phases of student work and higher Christian education.

18. That a policy be considered by the General Board of Christian Education, in co-operation with the General Board of Missions, whereby missionary talent is placed on programs of summer assemblies and camps, and the matter of the preparation of a three-year cycle of missionary study courses for camps be considered.

19. That in the new church calendar provision be made by the General Board of Christian Education whereby the emphases in promoting Christian higher education, as embodied in the special days known as "Education Day and Day of Prayer for Colleges and Seminaries," and "Student Recognition Day" as observed in the former Evangelical Church, and similar days as observed in the former Church of the United Brethren in Christ, shall be conserved.

IV. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRACT UNION

WHEREAS, the Board of Managers of the Sunday School and Tract Union, through the General Conference of the former Evangelical Church, referred to this General Conference an item on the printing and preservation of certain tracts of an evangelistic nature, we recommend that this matter be referred to the General Commission on Evangelism for action.

E. G. MOEDE	}	Co-secretaries
H. L. BODA		
PAUL R. WERT	}	Co-chairmen
W. MAYNARD SPARKS		

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

The Council of Administration submits the following recommendations and nominations, in keeping with disciplinary requirements, for your consideration:

1. That rule No. 17 be suspended and authorization be given for including the Executive Secretary of Evangelism as a member of the Council of Administration.
2. That rule No. 17 be suspended and authorization be given for including the Associate Secretary of Christian Education as a member of the Board of Christian Education and the Executive Committee.
3. That the following individuals be approved as General Church Trustees:

Charles A. Funkhouser, Dayton, Ohio
 W. J. Schwen, Blue Earth, Minnesota
 Kenneth Hobbs, Topeka, Kansas
 E. E. Neitz, Columbus, Ohio
 Homer B. Kline, Wilkinsburg, Pennsylvania
 Fay M. Bowman, Toledo, Ohio
 L. M. Hohn, Dayton, Ohio
 Paul Holdcraft, Hagerstown, Maryland
 Paul Honan, Lebanon, Indiana
 A. G. Martin, Fargo, North Dakota
 Elroy C. Faust, Urbana, Illinois
 N. L. Hummel, Williamsport, Pennsylvania
 G. B. Wetherbee, Canton, Ohio

Commission on Church Federation and Union

Bishop A. R. Clippinger, Bishop John S. Stamm, Bishop Ira D. Warner, Bishop George E. Epp, Bishop E. W. Praetorius, Bishop C. H. Stauffacher, Bishop Victor O. Weidler, Bishop Fred L. Dennis, Bishop J. Balmer Showers.

Ministers: A. F. Weaver, I. L. Schweitzer, J. H. Ness, J. Gordon Howard, D. T. Gregory. *Ministerial Alternates:* E. E. Erffmeyer, Paul M. Herrick.

Laymen: Edwin Heina, E. S. Wegner, J. B. Winter, L. L. Huffman, Homer B. Kline. *Lay Alternates:* J. C. Zehnder, L. A. Rider.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL PENSION AND SUPERANNUATION FUND

WHEREAS, there is a provision in the plan and basis of union for the continuation of the corporations of certain organizations, one of which is the Pension Fund of the former Evangelical Church, and

WHEREAS, there has been a petition presented to this conference from the General Conference of the former Evangelical Church asking that the number of Trustees of the Pension Fund of the former Evangelical Church be reduced to fifteen members, be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the constitution of the Pension Fund of the former Evangelical Church be revised to provide for a Board of Trustees consisting of fifteen members, four of whom shall be the bishops of the former Evangelical Church, one the executive secretary-treasurer, four other ministerial members and six laymen, all of whom shall be the representatives of the former Evangelical Church, who are members of the Board of Pensions of The Evangelical United Brethren Church. This board shall fulfill the instructions, purposes, and obligations of enabling act contained in paper No. 8 of the White Book as adopted by the General Conference.

Honorary Secretary

WHEREAS, Dr. John R. Niergarth is now an Honorary Secretary of the Pension Fund of the former Evangelical Church, effective until the close of this calendar year, and

WHEREAS, the former Evangelical Church has petitioned the General Conference of The Evangelical United Brethren Church to continue Doctor

Niergarth as Honorary Secretary of the Board of Pensions, therefore be it

RESOLVED, First, that Doctor Niergarth be named as Honorary Secretary of the Board of Pensions of The Evangelical United Brethren Church, and

Second, that the name of Doctor Niergarth is hereby referred to the Board of Pensions for suitable action in keeping with paragraph 417 of the Discipline of The Evangelical United Brethren Church which provides for "Retirement allowance of General Church officers."

Pioneer Day

WHEREAS, it is important that the members of The Evangelical United Brethren Church be informed concerning the purpose and program of the Board of Pensions, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the third Sunday in January of each year shall be observed by our congregations, this observance to be known as Pioneer Day. Be it further

RESOLVED, that congregations may receive an offering on this Sunday, the monies received to be applied on the three per cent apportionment which each congregation is to contribute to the Board of Pensions according to the constitution of the Board.

Increase of Contributions

WHEREAS, a memorial has been received from the General Conference of the former Evangelical Church, requesting the General Conference of The Evangelical United Brethren Church to change the rate of contributions by congregations and other salary paying units from three to four per cent and

WHEREAS, the rate of these contributions was "frozen" at three per cent for the first quadrennium by the Joint Commission on Church Federation and Union, be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the rate of contributions during the first quadrennium be three per cent. However, since it may not be possible for the Superannuation Plan to operate on a balanced budget and maintain the present pension benefits at the rate of twelve dollars per year of service, unless additional resources are secured, and since we believe it would be tragic to reduce these benefits which are already too meager, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that we authorize the Board of Pensions to urge the congregations of the former Evangelical Church to increase their contribution to more than three per cent, making a strong appeal through the medium of Pioneer Day observance, and be it further

RESOLVED, that if such an appeal does not result in sufficiently increased contributions to balance the budget and continue pension payments on the twelve dollars per year of service basis, that the Board of Pensions shall be, and, hereby is authorized to increase the three per cent contributions from congregations and other salary paying units of the former Evangelical Church to four per cent.

Age of Ministerial Retirement

WHEREAS, a memorial has been received from the General Conference of the former Evangelical Church that the Board of Pensions of The Evangelical United Brethren Church make a careful study of the entire question of minimum retirement age, giving special consideration to the possible retirement at the age of 65 years, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that we herewith request the Board of Pensions to make such a study and to present its findings to the next General Conference.

Unification of Procedures

WHEREAS, the General Conference of the former Evangelical Church has requested that a study be made during the ensuing quadrennium for the purpose of unifying the procedures and practices in Department I "The Ministerial Pension and Annuity Plan" and Department II "The Superannuation Plan," therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Pensions of The Evangelical United Brethren Church is herewith instructed to make such a study and present a plan for the unification of the benefits payable under the provisions of Departments I and II to the end that following the merger of conferences and the exchange of pastors, benefits will include amounts and conditions under which they come due equally to all members.

Clarification of Provisions

WHEREAS, a request has come to this General Conference from the General Conference of the former Evangelical Church to authorize the clarification of certain provisions in the Constitution of the Board of Pensions, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the words "the principal and/or" are herewith substituted for the words "and pay over" in line twelve of paragraph 1365 of the Discipline of The Evangelical United Brethren Church.

Harmonizing of Provisions

WHEREAS, a petition has come to this General Conference from the General Conference of the former Evangelical Church to authorize the harmonizing of certain provisions of the Constitution of the Board of Pensions, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the words "four years" are herewith substituted for the words "two years" in the seventh line of paragraph 1400 and the sixth line of paragraph 1401 of the Discipline of The Evangelical United Brethren Church. The paragraph shall then read as follows:

Article IV—Contributions of Members

1400. Each member of the Department of the Ministerial Pension and Annuity Plan of the Board of Pensions of The Evangelical United Brethren Church shall make an annual contribution to said Department in an amount equal to two per cent of the salary or support of said member during the first four years and three per cent thereafter. The amount of the dues of said member shall be paid out of this contribution and the balance, if any, credited as an additional credit to the account of said member in the Department and increased by interest additions. If the amount contributed is less than the annual dues said member shall pay the dues in full.

1401. Each member of the Department of the Superannuation Plan of the Board of Pensions of The Evangelical United Brethren Church shall make an annual contribution to said Department in an amount equal to two per cent of the salary or support of said member during the first four years, and three per cent thereafter. The amount of the dues of said member shall be paid out of this contribution and the balance, if any, credited as an additional credit to the account of said member in the Department and increased by interest additions. If the amount contributed is less than the annual dues said member shall pay the dues in full.

Actuarial Counsel

WHEREAS, through a petition forwarded to this General Conference from the General Conference of the former Evangelical Church, attention has been called to the fact that, in the administration of the Pension Fund in the years ahead, it may become necessary to employ actuarial counsel, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that we herewith authorize the following changes in the Constitution of the Board of Pensions:

First, that the words "Actuarial Counsel" be substituted for the words, "The Actuary" as the heading for Article XIV of the Constitution of the Board of Pensions; and

Second, that the following changes be made in paragraph 1390 of the Discipline of The Evangelical United Brethren Church, as follows:

First line, "an actuary" to "actuarial counsel"

Second line, "who" to "which"

Fifth line, "him" to "them," "He" to "They" and thereafter in the paragraph change "he" to "they." The paragraph shall then read:

Article XIV—Actuarial Counsel

1390. The Board of Pensions shall employ actuarial counsel, which, subject to the direction of the Board, shall have charge of the actuarial work of the Board and shall perform such other work as shall be assigned to them. They shall recommend to the Board the rates, dues, and schedules of benefits. They shall make annual valuations in order to determine the amounts of the reserves required in the respective Departments and accounts of the Board. They shall make periodic evaluations to determine the actual experience of the Board as to rates of mortality, disability, and superannuation, and to determine such other experience tables as may be necessary for the successful operation of the Board.

Change of Name

WHEREAS, at the time the Plan and Basis of Union was formulated, the name of the ministerial pension fund of the Evangelical Church was the Superannuation Fund of the Evangelical Church; and

WHEREAS, the name was changed in October, 1942, by the General Conference of the Evangelical Church to the Pension Fund of the Evangelical Church; and

WHEREAS, a petition has come to this General Conference from the General Conference of the former Evangelical Church that certain word changes be made in the Discipline of The Evangelical United Brethren Church to bring it into accord with the above-mentioned actions; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that we hereby authorize that the name "The Pension Fund" be substituted for the name "The Superannuation Fund" wherever that name of the organization so appears. This change shall in no way affect the designation Superannuation Plan where it refers to a department of the Board of Pensions.

Pension Plan for Lay Employees

WHEREAS, the Pension Plan for Lay Employees has been established in the former Evangelical Church; and

WHEREAS, the joint session Committee of the two uniting churches has recommended the continuation of this plan in The Evangelical United Brethren Church; and

WHEREAS, the General Conference of the former Evangelical Church has memorialized this General Conference to enforce the recommendation, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Pension Plan for Lay Employees of the former Evangelical Church be approved, and said plan be established as Department IV of the Board of Pensions of The Evangelical United Brethren Church and be administered by said board.

Name of Plans

WHEREAS, the departments of the Board of Pensions of The Evangelical United Brethren Church are referred to as both "plans" and "funds," thus causing some confusion, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that departments of the Boards of Pensions shall be designated as "plans" and the word "plan" shall be substituted for the word "fund" in all instances where the word "fund" is now used in describing a department of the Board of Pensions.

The Ministers' Reserve Pension Plan

WHEREAS, the Evangelical Church four years ago established the Ministers' Reserve Pension Plan as a department of the Pension Fund of the Evangelical Church, and

WHEREAS, the membership in this department now numbers 176, and is now functioning on a funded basis, and

WHEREAS, Department III of the Board of Pensions of The Evangelical United Brethren Church is identical in principle with the above named department of the former Pension Fund of the Evangelical Church, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Ministers' Reserve Pension Plan of the former Pension Fund of the Evangelical Church shall be and hereby is declared to be Department III of the Board of Pensions of The Evangelical United Brethren Church, and shall be known as the Ministers' Pension Plan of the Board of Pensions of The Evangelical United Brethren Church as described in paragraphs 1411 to 1454 of the Discipline.

Headquarters

WHEREAS, a petition has come to this General Conference from the General Conference of the former Evangelical Church that the record of the address of the headquarters of the Board of Pensions, as given in the Constitution of the Board of Pensions, be brought in line with the newly established headquarters of The Evangelical United Brethren Church, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that paragraph 1363 of the Discipline of The Evangelical United Brethren Church is herewith authorized to be edited to provide that Dayton, Ohio, shall be given as the address of the headquarters of the Board of Pensions of The Evangelical United Brethren Church.

Management Provisions

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the Pension Fund of the former Evangelical Church and the Constitution of the Pension and Annuity Plan of the former Church of the United Brethren in Christ both contain provisions relating to their management, which provisions are to be superseded by the provisions relating to management in the Constitution of the Board of Pensions of The Evangelical United Brethren Church, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that wherever the provisions relating to their management as they may be stated in the two said constitutions are in conflict with the provisions of the Constitution of the Board of Pensions of The Evangelical United Brethren Church, the former provisions shall be nullified and the latter provisions shall prevail and it shall be so stated in connection with the explanatory note which now appears at the bottom of page 302 of the Discipline of The Evangelical United Brethren Church so that said explanatory note will read as follows:

WHEREAS, the provisions relating to their management in the said two Constitutions conflict with the provisions relating to the Management of the Board of Pensions of The Evangelical United Brethren Church, conflicting provisions in the said two former Constitutions shall be nullified and the provisions in the Constitution of the Board of Pensions of The Evangelical United Brethren Church as outlined in the Discipline of the said Church shall prevail.

Mr. George A. Huggins

WHEREAS, we have listened with interest and profit to the informative address of Mr. George A. Huggins, actuary for the Pension Fund, and

WHEREAS, he has placed before us several important phases of the work of the Pension Fund, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that we express to Doctor Huggins our deep appreciation for his helpful address and that we also assure him that his wise counsel on behalf of the Pension Fund, through the years, has been most helpful to the Board of Pensions.

Respectfully submitted,

V. H. ALLMAN	} Co-chairmen
H. H. WATSON	
LYLE SHANEYFELT	} Co-secretaries
M. E. RICKERT	

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

1. We recommend the adoption of Section I, as printed on pages 3, 4, 5 and 6 in the printed report of the Committee on Spiritual Aims and Missions and Benevolence Budget. (See Roman I this page)
2. We recommend the approval of the first four paragraphs in Section II of the printed report. (See Roman II page 341)
3. We recommend the following as a substitute for the first three paragraphs under the caption, "Guiding Principles for Determining Allocations." (See pages 341, 342)

I. SPIRITUAL EMPHASIS DURING THE FIRST QUADRENNIUM

It is our conviction that an outline of spiritual aims and objectives can and will prove helpful in unifying our work. Therefore, with a view to harmony and continuity in our united efforts, the following program is recommended:

General Theme for the Quadrennium: Forward Together with Christ.

Scripture Text: Matthew 9:9—"Follow Me."

Theme Hymn: "Jesus Calls Us."

Aim: To meet and serve the need of our day unitedly in the name of Christ.

General Objectives:

1. The quickening of the faith of the Church in the adequacy of Jesus Christ for the redemption of all men and an ordered world.
2. A more effective witness for Christ, and a more helpful ministry to mankind.
3. A revitalization of the Church through a deepened Christian experience on the part of every member.
4. An evangelistic passion in every local church, and at least 160,000 souls brought to Christ and into the church on confession of faith during the quadrennium.
5. An earnest effort be made to conserve for the Church Evangelical United Brethren people who have moved into the community and hold membership elsewhere.
6. A rediscovery and acceptance of the essential elements and values of the Christian home.
7. An enlistment of more Christian stewards in dedication of life, time, talents and possessions.
8. The rehabilitation, strengthening and expansion of our missionary enterprise.
9. Increased support through endowment income, and added equipment for our seminaries.
10. Provisions for assisting our ministerial students by means of scholarship endowment funds.
11. A program of fellowship with an assistance for war-suffering peoples.

First Year's Emphasis—1947-1948

Theme: Forward Together with Christ in Fellowship.

Scripture Text: I Corinthians 1:9—"God is faithful, by (through) whom ye were called under the fellowship of his son Jesus Christ our Lord."

Aim: To quicken the spirit and enlarge the area of united fellowship and Christian witness.

Objectives:

1. To develop the consciousness and foster the practice of fellowship in local churches, conferences, and in the denomination.
2. To seek, as believers in Christ, to apply the Christian teaching to all areas of moral, social, economic and political life.

3. To render a definite ministry in relief, comfort, and courage to the sorrowing and suffering peoples of the world through Christian comradeship and sacrificial sharing.

4. To develop and deepen within the Church a sense of missionary responsibility at home and abroad.

5. To make the deepened missionary spirit concrete by the enlisting and supporting of an adequate number of new missionaries for our work at home and abroad.

6. To seek the realization of an adequate amount for rehabilitation and the expansion of our missionary enterprise.

7. To enlist at least 150 new Life Work Recruits for the Christian ministry and missions.

Second Year's Emphasis—1948-1949

Theme: Forward Together with Christ in Service.

Scripture Text: Matthew 23:11—"But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant."

Aim: The realization of greater usefulness to Christ and his church through self-giving service.

Objectives:

1. To reappraise the service and contribution of the church to the spiritual and material needs of mankind and to enlist the total membership of the Church in this ministry.

2. To cultivate throughout our Church the use of material things for spiritual purposes.

3. To train our people in co-operative service, both in the denomination and in the larger fellowship.

4. To train our people in the use of the basic and historic sources of the Christian religion.

5. To manifest the "Good Samaritan" spirit of service among the suffering and needy peoples of the world, and to raise an adequate amount for this purpose.

6. To continue the enlistment of missionaries and the securing of their support.

7. To complete the raising of needed money for our expansion and rehabilitation projects.

8. Preparation for future missionary service through our united fellowship.

9. To enlist at least 150 new Life Work Recruits for the Christian ministry and missions.

Third Year's Emphasis—1949-1950

Theme: Forward Together with Christ in Training.

Scripture Text: II Timothy 2:15—"Study (be diligent) to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

Aim: To inspire ministers and laymen to adequately prepare themselves in mind and spirit for the challenging tasks of the Kingdom.

Objectives:

1. To enlist an adequate number of teachers in local, community, and conference training classes in leadership education.

2. To seek the realization of a 20 per cent increased enrollment and average attendance in our Sunday schools.

3. To foster and expand our youth work through an effective youth program in every local church.

4. To enroll at least one student for every local church in one of our colleges, making a net increase of at least 25 per cent in attendance at each college.

5. To increase the attendance in our seminaries to a total of 300.
6. To enlist at least 150 new Life Work Recruits for the Christian ministry and missions.

Fourth Year's Emphasis—1950-1951

Theme: Forward Together with Christ in Worship.

Scripture Texts: Luke 4:8—"Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve," and John 4:24—"God is a spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth."

Aim: To help the entire membership of the Church experience the presence of God in worship, and to consecrate their lives to his service.

Objectives:

1. To enrich the spiritual quality of worship and to promote increased attendance in the worship services.
2. To encourage private devotions as the ideal for every life, and family worship as the ideal for every home.
3. To seek observance of the Holy Communion by the entire membership of the church.
4. To cultivate and encourage a proper use of our great hymns as an enriching contribution to helpful worship.
5. To exalt the giving of tithes and offerings as a definite and regular act of worship.
6. To use the Lord's Prayer as it appears in Matthew 6:9-13 with the words **debts** and **debtors**.
7. To enlist at least 150 new Life Work Recruits for the Christian ministry and missions.

II. MISSIONS AND BENEVOLENCE BUDGET

Sharing is a basic principle of our Christian religion. Too often the raising of money in the churches is far removed from the vital motive of giving for Christ's sake and for Kingdom purposes.

When men resort to cheap money raising devices, artful trickery and unorthodox methods, they becloud the true meaning of church membership, weaken the morale, and dissipate the energy of such membership.

The right way to raise church money is to give it, not on a sporadic, purely emotional, or special-interest basis, but as a Christian steward. Giving money has to do with people more than things. It is personality in readily usable fashion to promote Kingdom interests.

In missions and benevolence giving, an accepted ideal to be constantly striven for is to give as much to and for others as we use for our own church needs. The frontier of our parish extends far beyond the most distant residence of our members. The periphery extends around the world. We are debtors to the total missionary, educational, institutional, and benevolence program of the Church. General causes as well as conference interests and local needs, have rightful claim upon us. We will do well to keep these objects of our stewardship and Christian sharing in true balance and proper proportion.

Guiding Principles for Determining Allocations

It is agreed that in the united church earnest effort will need to be made to correlate more and more on an equitable basis the allocations for general causes and conference interests. At the same time it is also agreed that in the light of the studies that have been made it will be necessary for the first quadrennium at least, in adjusting and assigning apportionments, to be guided by the limitations and procedures set forth in The Evangelical United Brethren Discipline, paragraphs 592 and 593. These are as follows:

At the beginning of each quadrennium, the General Conference upon recommendation of the General Council of Administration, shall allocate to each annual conference a minimum annual quota for general causes, and an additional quota for annual conference interests. The total quota shall be allocated to the charges or local churches by the annual conference, upon recommendation of the Conference Council of Administration. General causes shall include Board of Missions, Colleges, Theological Schools,

Board of Pensions, Benevolent Institutions participating in the Missions and Benevolence Budget, Board of Christian Education, Episcopal Fund, General Conference Expense, General Council of Administration, Contingent Fund, and such other general causes as the General Conference may designate. Conference interests shall include Conference Missions, including appropriations for pastor's salary and rent, and for interest; Annual Conference expense, including administrative expense, Conference Superintendent's salary and travel expense, apportionment for the Conference Board of Christian Education, apportionment for the Conference Board of Missions, Conference Contingent Fund, Conference debt reduction, Conference claimants, and such other Conference interests as the annual conference may approve.

For the first quadrennium of The Evangelical United Brethren Church, the two quotas allocated to the annual conferences shall bear approximately the same relation in each annual conference as prevailed between the contributions for general causes and for annual conference interests in that annual conference during the previous quadrennium. When the quotas are to be set for the second and subsequent quadrenniums a careful study again shall be made by the General Council of Administration of the whole program of needs and allocations, and any changes or adjustments in quotas shall be made with due regard to the current needs in each annual conference.

In the light of all the facts and problems which the survey has revealed, and in view of the authorization set forth in the above quotations from the Discipline of The Evangelical United Brethren Church, the following resolution and budget allocations and appropriations are herewith submitted:

WHEREAS, it has been the custom of our conferences to pay the apportionments for general causes in full during the past quadrennium; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that it be our purpose to continue to pay all allocations for general causes on this 100 per cent basis; and in view of the fact that the interests represented in our general causes are largely dependent upon a full contribution month by month, we therefore would urge that it be the aim and policy of every annual conference, during the ensuing quadrennium, to pay regularly month by month the amount due for general causes, and further

BE IT RESOLVED, that the percentage standing of all the annual conferences be reported from month to month on the basis of the amount contributed toward the quotas adopted and approved for general causes, by action of the General Conference and set forth in the table of allocations (see column 1).

Annual Allocations for General Causes and Conference Interests

	General Causes	Conference Interests	Total Quota
Allegheny	\$ 36,096	\$ 45,804	\$ 81,900
Atlantic	6,586	14,660	21,246
California (Ev)	4,158	9,242	13,400
California (UB)	3,679	10,463	14,142
Canada	9,843	10,300	20,143
Central Pennsylvania	35,595	72,405	108,000
Colorado (Ev)	3,217	9,783	13,000
Colorado-New Mexico (UB)	2,146	10,454	12,600
East Ohio	20,037	31,507	51,544
East Pennsylvania (Ev)	24,817	42,000	66,817
East Pennsylvania (UB)	52,785	65,315	118,100
Erie	8,600	15,400	24,000
Florida	346	3,374	3,720
Illinois (Ev)	26,281	55,594	81,875
Illinois (UB)	22,497	34,633	57,130
Indiana (Ev)	18,965	36,580	55,545
Indiana (UB)	7,000	22,000	29,000
Iowa (Ev)	14,432	25,350	39,782
Iowa (UB)	7,652	22,928	30,580
Kansas (Ev)	12,061	26,100	38,161
Kansas (UB)	15,340	34,160	49,500
Miami	30,240	22,760	53,000
Michigan (Ev)	21,156	69,285	90,441
Michigan (UB)	3,330	7,470	10,800
Minnesota (Ev)	14,182	40,000	54,182
Minnesota (UB)	1,387	4,363	5,750
Missouri	1,862	6,538	8,400
Montana (Ev)	1,373	5,460	6,833
Montana (UB)	518	1,922	2,440
Nebraska (Ev)	7,666	22,334	30,000
Nebraska (UB)	5,336	11,264	16,600
New England	1,318	2,150	3,468
New York	9,090	14,800	23,890
Northwest Canada	2,408	6,592	9,000
North Dakota	5,183	15,000	20,183
Ohio	29,897	60,103	90,000
Oklahoma	2,808	16,892	19,700
Oregon-Washington (Ev)	7,569	40,000	47,569
Oregon (UB)	1,995	10,655	12,650
Pennsylvania	49,680	49,680	99,360
Pittsburgh	21,898	31,844	53,742
St. Joseph	27,405	34,095	61,500
Sandusky	25,230	38,270	63,500
South Dakota	3,550	11,900	15,450
Southeast Ohio	20,721	27,865	48,586
Tennessee	2,174	4,546	6,720
Texas	1,176	5,060	6,236
Virginia	13,750	25,250	39,000
West Virginia	10,500	20,800	31,300
White River	26,773	34,225	61,000
Wisconsin (Ev)	24,585	57,200	81,785
Wisconsin (UB)	3,105	7,165	10,270
Totals	\$710,000	\$1,303,540	\$2,013,540

Appropriations for General Causes

Appropriations to the various departments and institutions from the Missions and Benevolence Budget, as set up for general causes, are given in the following tabulations. The appropriations for general administrative work shall be paid in full.

General Administrative Work

Episcopal Fund	\$ 63,000	
General Council of Administration	18,000	
General Church Treasurer's Office	10,000	
General Conference Fund	7,000	\$ 98,000

General Departments

Board of Christian Education	\$ 39,000	
Board of Missions	245,000	
Board of Pensions	74,000	
Commission on Evangelism	12,000	
Commission on Christian Social Action	1,200	
Ministerial Student Gift Fund	3,500	
Sunday School and Tract Union	1,000	\$ 375,700

Educational Institutions

Bonebrake Theological Seminary	\$ 37,000	
Evangelical Theological Seminary	14,500	
Evangelical School of Theology	10,500	
Albright College	19,000	
Indiana Central College	22,500	
Lebanon Valley College	12,500	
North Central College	19,000	
Otterbein College	12,500	
Shenandoah College	12,000	
Western Union College	18,000	
York College	22,500	
Philomath College Trustees	1,800	\$ 201,800

Homes and Orphanages

Baker Home for Aged (non-participating)		
Flat Rock Children's Home (non-participating)		
Haven Hubbard Home	\$ 4,000	
Lewisburg Home	1,000	
Otterbein Home (non-participating)		
Pacific Old People's Home	500	
Philadelphia Home of Aged	4,000	
Quincy Home and Orphanage (non-participating)		
Western Old People's Home (non-participating)		\$ 9,500

Contingent Fund

For interdenominational work	\$ 5,000	
For miscellaneous items	20,000	\$ 25,000

Total from Missions and Benevolence Budget for General Causes

\$ 710,000

Additional Missions and Benevolence Contributions

In addition to the above Missions and Benevolence Budget, there are other Missions and Benevolence contributions, as follows—these are estimated on the basis of a three-year average giving to these items:

1. Benevolence Gifts

(a) Special offerings for temperance, etc.	\$ 25,000
(b) Special offerings for Homes and Orphanages ..	285,500

2. Gifts for Missions

(a) Contributions from WSWs	\$600,000
(b) Contributions from Youth Fellowship	75,000
(c) Special offerings for World Relief	104,500

Total additional contributions (as estimated)

\$1,090,000

Total for conference interests (see column 2 in Annual

Allocations)

1,303,540

GRAND TOTAL for Missions and Benevolence purposes,

including the estimated additional contributions

\$3,103,540

Salary Provisions

The Bishops, Secretaries, Associate Secretaries, General Church Treasurer, and Treasurer of the Board of Missions, shall be paid in full out of the monies allocated to their respective funds or departments. The Publishing Agents and Editors shall be paid in full by the Publishing Houses as has been the custom in the past. The General Conference officials shall be paid from the General Conference Fund.

The following salary scale is recommended for the ensuing quadrennium; provided, however, that the salary of the Executive Secretary of the Department of Women's Service and the salary of the Associate Secretary of the Department of Women's Service, and their rental allowance, shall be determined by the Board of Missions upon recommendation from the Department of Women's Service:

Active Bishops (each)	\$5,000
Publishing Agents (each)	5,000
General Secretaries, Associate Secretaries and Treasurers (each)....	4,000
Editors and Associate Editors (each)	4,000
Recording Secretary of General Conference	150
Reading Secretary of General Conference	75

Postage and Stenographic Help

Each bishop shall be granted \$250 per year for stenographic help and postage; and whenever the general church or the Board of Bishops makes a specific assignment to a bishop beyond his areal duties and such assignment requires stenographic help and travel expenses, such expenses shall, upon authorization of the Board of Bishops, be paid out of the miscellaneous appropriation to the Episcopal Fund.

Rental Provisions

There shall be provided by the General Missions and Benevolence Budget \$720 per year as house rent for each active bishop, as follows:

- Where an episcopal area furnishes a residence for a bishop, the rental allowance of \$720 annually shall be paid to the Trustees of the Bishops' Parsonage of the area for repairs and upkeep of the property.
- Where an episcopal area rents a property for an episcopal residence, the rental allowance of \$720 shall be paid to the area.
- Where a bishop resides in his own home, using it as an episcopal residence, the rental allowance of \$720 annually shall be paid to him.
- Where a bishop rents a property to be used as an episcopal residence, the rental allowance of \$720 per year shall be paid, on his authorization, to the landlord of such property.

Where a general church officer lives in his own home, an annual rental allowance of \$720 shall be paid to him.

Where a general church officer rents a property for his residence, the annual allowance of \$720 for rent shall be paid by his board to the landlord of such property.

Retirement Considerations

WHEREAS, Bishops, General Church Officers and their widows have retirement allowances definitely provided and set forth in paragraphs 417 and 444 of the Discipline; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that all these individuals, whether retired at a previous General Conference or at this General Conference, shall receive retirement allowances on the basis as set forth in the Discipline of The Evangelical United Brethren Church.

III. SPECIAL CAMPAIGNS AND OTHER ITEMS

In addition to the Missions and Benevolence Budget allocations there are special interests which request approval of the General Conference in order that these special campaigns might go forward during the quadrennium with proper authorization. These special campaigns and other items for your consideration are herewith submitted:

Missionary Campaign

We recommend that a campaign for \$2,000,000 be promoted by the Board of Missions throughout the united church during the first year of 1947-1948, said funds to be used for extension and rehabilitation purposes in our mission work. This campaign is for the completion of programs and work already authorized by the 1942 General Conference of the Evangelical Church and the 1945 General Conference of the United Brethren Church.

Seminary and College Campaigns

We recommend that the financial campaigns for Albright College and School of Theology, Bonebrake Theological Seminary, North Central College and Theological Seminary, as approved by the recent General Conferences of the Evangelical Church and the United Brethren Church, be approved by the uniting General Conference as a part of our financial program for the ensuing quadrennium.

Council of Administration and Superintendents

We recommend that Conference Superintendents be called to sit in joint session with the General Council of Administration twice during the quadrennium; and that the expense of these superintendents be equalized; and the annual conferences be requested to pay half of this cost of the superintendents in attending said sessions; and that areal sessions of the Conference Superintendents be held in each Bishop's area annually as may be determined by the Bishop.

The New Fiscal Year

We recommend that the fiscal year of the Board of Administration of the United Brethren Church and the Administrative Council of the Evangelical Church close on June 30, 1947, and that the fiscal year of the Council of Administration of The Evangelical United Brethren Church begin with July 1, 1947.

Factors for Figuring Budget Quotas

We recommend the five following factors as the bases for determining budget quotas to each annual conference for the succeeding quadrennium: (1) church membership; (2) average Sunday school attendance; (3) net property value; (4) total local current expense; (5) total missionary and benevolence contributions.

A Survey of the Conference

We recommend that the Council of Administration make a complete survey of the 52 annual conferences and the various general interests of the denomination during the first quadrennium as a means toward planning budget recommendations to the General Conference for the second quadrennium.

Quadrennial Manual and Annual Textbook

We recommend that a Quadrennial Manual, as an item of promotional material, and an annual textbook, giving emphasis to the yearly theme, be prepared under the direction of the Executive Secretary of the Council of Administration.

Editing of Discipline

We recommend that the editing of the Discipline, in light of General Conference actions, be referred to the Board of Bishops, and any expense involved therewith be charged to the General Conference Expense Fund.

Historical Society

WHEREAS, we have carefully considered the memorial of the General Historical Society of the former Evangelical Church recommending the prayerful consideration of an appropriate observance for the one hundred-fiftieth anniversary of the former Evangelical Church and kindred celebrations arising out of the historical background of both former denominations; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the proper observance of such celebrations be

referred to the General Historical Society with the suggestion that the Society diligently promote throughout the Church the one hundred-fiftieth anniversary above referred to, as well as all other such occasions arising out of the origin and history of both former Churches.

Names for Local Churches

WHEREAS, the General Conference has received a memorial asking for an authorization relative to uniform church signs; and

WHEREAS, there is a desire for an insignia for The Evangelical United Brethren Church to appear on bulletin boards and to be placed upon materials published by the Church; and

WHEREAS, considerable confusion will result in many places due to churches of the two former denominations having similar names, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that we urge all congregations to prominently display the full local and denominational name of the church; and

That the Council of Administration be requested to study the matter of the adoption of an insignia for our Church and that said Council of Administration be authorized to act in adopting such insignia; and

That in case where there are two churches in a community, both having the same name, we recommend that the adoption of new names be left to the discretion of the said churches, and we do strongly urge that the names to be adopted be names bearing a distinctly Christian significance instead of a numerical name or a name based upon location.

J. A. HAEHLEN	{	Co-chairmen
J. H. NESS		
R. O. STEELY		Secretary

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLISHING INTERESTS

WHEREAS, Roy H. Stetler, publisher of the Evangelical Press, L. L. Huffman, publisher of the Otterbein Press, F. Gloor, representing our publishing house in Bern, Switzerland, and Bishop G. E. Epp, representing our publishing interest in Europe, addressed us on the problems faced because of the war and its results, and also of the increasing business in the face of these difficulties.

RESOLVED, that we congratulate our publishers and all who have assisted in advancing our publishing interests, and pledge our continued support.

WHEREAS, Dr. E. G. Frye, Dr. W. E. Peffley, Dr. W. E. Snyder, Dr. E. E. Harris, and Dr. Raymond M. Veh addressed us on the editorial work of our church papers,

RESOLVED, we congratulate them on their excellent productions and the increasing number of subscriptions received for their respective periodicals.

Minister's Monthly or Quarterly

WHEREAS, certain memorials have been presented to this General Conference asking for the publication of a minister's monthly or quarterly and whereas due consideration has been given this item concerning the possible circulation and cost of production, and

WHEREAS, resulting from the union we shall have a new church organ with a new name and with new features of content, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that we deem the publication of such a minister's magazine inadvisable at this time, and that we promote one weekly church paper to the fullest extent, recommending to our worthy editors that this periodical contain definite helps for ministers and also attractive articles which will capture the attention and thought of our lay constituents.

Hymnal and Song Book

WHEREAS, there has come to this General Conference a reference from the General Conference of the Evangelical Church asking for a new church hymnal for The Evangelical United Brethren Church, such hymnal to include some of the best hymns of recent composition, more material for responsive reading and order of service, and prayers, and

WHEREAS, such hymnal would be an aid to uniformity of services and contribute to the unity of the church body, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the matter of such new hymnal be referred to the Board of Publication for favorable consideration.

RESOLVED further, that it be recommended to the Board of Publication for favorable consideration the publication of a suitable song book for the youth of The Evangelical United Brethren Church.

WHEREAS, there has been referred to this committee the question of relationship between the Board of Christian Education, and the Board of Publication in the matter of curricula for the use of our agencies in the field of Christian Education, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that we recommend to this General Conference that a Conference on Curriculum be held; and that a committee be named to make arrangements for such conference as to time, place, program, personnel, finance, and other related matters; and that the Board of Christian Education and the Board of Publication be asked each to name five members on this Committee on Arrangements and that the general secretary of Christian Education be a member of this committee and be the convener of this committee. Be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Christian Education and the Board of Publication be asked to finance this Conference on Curriculum.

WHEREAS, Dr. E. G. Frye and W. E. Peffley have served as editors in the former Evangelical Church for thirty-one years and thirty-three years respectively, and are now retired from active service, and

WHEREAS, in the Evangelical General Conference these brethren were given such retirement, that we recognize such retirement in this body, and we recommend that they be given retirement benefits according to the provisions of the Discipline.

RESOLVED, that out of appreciation for their excellent services during so many years, we confer upon each of them the title of Honorary Editor.

WHEREAS, Dr. W. E. Snyder and Dr. J. W. Owen have served as editors in the former Church of the United Brethren in Christ for twenty-five years and twenty-eight years respectively, and are now retired from active service; and

WHEREAS, in the United Brethren General Conference these brethren were given such retirement, that we recognize such retirement in this body, and we recommend that they be given retirement benefits according to the provisions of the Discipline.

RESOLVED, that out of appreciation for their excellent service during so many years, we confer upon each of them the title of Honorary Editor.

U. B. Building

WHEREAS, the following resolution was passed by the Special Session of the General Conference of the former Church of the United Brethren in Christ, and was by that body referred to the General Conference of The Evangelical United Brethren Church,

Therefore we present it for approval.

"BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

"WHEREAS, the U. B. Building at the corner of Fourth and Main Streets in Dayton, Ohio, title to which is now held for the Church of the United Brethren in Christ by the Printing Establishment of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, an Ohio corporation, was dedicated and set aside by the General Conference of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ in session at Indianapolis, Indiana, in May, 1921, as a foundation for the benefit of our retired ministers, their widows and orphans, and

"WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of said corporation are authorized and directed by the Articles of Incorporation of said corporation and by action of the General Conference to allocate the net proceeds from the operation of said building to the separate annual conferences of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ for the use of said conferences in caring for their retired ministers and widows and orphans, and

"WHEREAS, it is and has been the determined purpose of this Church of the United Brethren in Christ that said foundation and proceeds derived from it shall be held as a sacred trust for the purposes above set forth,

"NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this General Conference does now and hereby reaffirm and declare that the property above described, being the U. B. Building at the Northeast corner of Main and Fourth Streets in the city of Dayton, Ohio, and/or the proceeds derived from any future sale thereof, is and shall be a permanent foundation for the benefit of aged and retired ministers of the former Church of the United Brethren in Christ, their widows and/or orphans; further, that this foundation be for the benefit of all ministers of the former Church of the United Brethren in Christ when and if they shall retire because of disability or old age and for the benefit of the widows and/or orphans of ministers of the former Church of the United Brethren in Christ.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said Board and the Publishing Agent of said Board are hereby authorized to make equitable division of the net proceeds and/or earnings of said building between the conferences of the former Church of the United Brethren in Christ as carried over into The Evangelical United Brethren Church. (See page 24 of The Evangelical United Brethren Discipline.) In the event of any union between any such United Brethren conference and an Evangelical conference or union of any combination of such conferences (see page 24 of The Evangelical United Brethren Discipline), the allocation shall be made to the successor conference or conferences for the use and benefit of the ministers of the former Church of the United Brethren in Christ in such conference or conferences when and

if they shall be eligible for the same through disability or retirement and to their widows and/or orphans."

Club Rates for The Telescope-Messenger

WHEREAS, there was referred to this committee a resolution requesting a club rate at half price of The Telescope-Messenger, and

WHEREAS, this matter needs further careful study concerning production costs as well as increasing the number of subscribers; and

WHEREAS, many subscription lists have already been received by the publisher; and

WHEREAS, subscriptions at club rates are mailed not to each subscriber but to one address for distribution, in harmony with second-class postal law; and

WHEREAS, we find merit in a club rate in increasing the number of subscribers, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that this matter be referred to the Board of Publication of The Evangelical United Brethren Church for favorable consideration.

J. P. HENDRIX	} Co-chairmen
E. E. ERFFMEYER	
WILLIAM E. GROTE,	Secretary

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BOUNDARIES

WHEREAS, the General Conference of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ and the General Conference of the Evangelical Church, in compliance with requests coming from the Montana Conference of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ and the Montana Conference of the Evangelical Church, have acted favorably on the union of the said annual conferences and have referred the matter to this conference,

We, therefore, recommend that the Montana Conference (UB) and the Montana Conference (Ev) be and hereby are authorized to effect union according to the provisions of the enabling act for union or changes in boundaries of annual conferences.

WHEREAS, a group of Evangelical ministers of the Washington-Baltimore area of the Evangelical Church requested the General Conference of the Evangelical Church to make a study of the advisability of setting up an Urban Unification Program in this area and in Philadelphia; and

WHEREAS, the General Conference of the Evangelical Church referred the matter to this body with the recommendation that during the ensuing quadrennium a study be made by the annual conferences involved under the direction of the conference superintendents and the bishops of these conferences and that the actions thereon of said conferences be submitted to the next session of the General Conference,

We, therefore, approve such study being made.

WHEREAS, the Oregon-Washington Conference of the Evangelical Church petitions this body, through the General Conference of said Church, to authorize the union of the Oregon Conference of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ and the Oregon-Washington Conference of the Evangelical Church; and

WHEREAS, no action has been taken by the Oregon Conference of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ as required by the enabling act for union and changes in boundaries of annual conferences (Official White Book, page 50)

We, therefore, recommend that the matter be referred to the General Council of Administration for favorable action if and when the conferences involved take the required action.

F. H. CAPEHART	} Co-chairmen
F. W. SIEBERT	
R. L. BRILL	} Co-secretaries
P. R. SERVEY	

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PROCEEDINGS OF ANNUAL CONFERENCES

Your committee recommends the adoption of the following resolutions:
In the interests of a greater uniformity in arrangement of material,

I. BE IT RESOLVED, that the following order shall be observed in arranging the printed matter of the Annual Conference Journals:

1. Table of contents
2. Conference officary:
 - a. Presiding Bishop and Conference officers
 - b. Boards, Societies, Commissions (officers and members)
 - c. Committees
3. Classification of ministers with addresses
4. Roll of lay delegates with addresses
5. Body of proceedings
6. Assignments of fields of labor to the ministers
7. Conference superintendents' report (excerpts where desired)
8. Conference treasurer's report
9. Report of Conference Council on Administration
10. The following reports in alphabetical order:
 - a. Committee reports
 - b. Boards, Commissions and Societies with accompanying treasurers' reports
11. Statistical report.

II. BE IT RESOLVED, that a copy of the Conference Journal for each year of the quadrennium shall be bound in board covers in one volume, the same to be submitted to the General Conference for examination by the Committee on Annual Conference Proceedings; and that in addition it be required that the name of the conference appear on the front cover and on the back edge of the volume along with the years of the quadrennium. It is further suggested that the covers of the Journals be removed before binding.

III. BE IT RESOLVED, that the following form of certification shall be inserted in the official record at the close of the bound volume properly signed by the secretary and affixed with the conference seal.

"I hereby certify that these minutes are the official record of the sessions of the _____ Conference of The Evangelical United Brethren Church for the quadrennium ending 19_____.

Signed _____, Conference Secretary

Date _____ Place _____ and Seal affixed."

The secretary of the General Conference is hereby instructed to send a copy of this report to all annual conference secretaries with instruction to pass these recommendations on to their successors.

Signed:

F. H. CAPEHART	} Co-chairmen
W. W. KRUGER	
R. L. BRILL	} Co-secretaries
A. A. DODGE	

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENT INSTITUTIONS

Your Committee submits the following report:

I. WHEREAS, we have heard, or read with appreciation the reports of our Benevolent Institutions, namely,

The Quincy United Brethren Orphanage and Home, Quincy, Pennsylvania
The Otterbein Home, Lebanon, Ohio

Colonel R. M. Baker Home, Puente, California

Evangelical Home, Incorporated, Lewisburg, Pennsylvania

Evangelical Home for the Aged in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Ebenezer Old People's Home, Ebenezer, New York

The Flat Rock Children's Home, Flat Rock, Ohio

Haven Hubbard Memorial Old People's Home, New Carlisle, Indiana

Western Old People's Home, Cedar Falls, Iowa

Pacific Evangelical Home for Aged People, Burbank, California

Interlachen Old People's Home, Interlachen, Switzerland, through their superintendents or representatives, reflecting progress in temporal equipment, financial resources, and enlarged opportunities of Christian service, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that we express satisfaction as to the manner in which these institutions have been managed by the various Boards. In the spirit of our new and enlarged united Church, we affirm our faith in, and our devotion to these many institutions of mercy, and pledge to each our financial support and united prayers.

II. WHEREAS, the records and reports of the Benevolent Institutions of the former Church of the United Brethren in Christ and the Evangelical Church were submitted to the General Conference of these respective communions, and

WHEREAS, these records and reports were approved by the separate groups, therefore be it

RESOLVED that we record our united approval of the reports of all our Benevolent Institutions and that their proceedings be and hereby are ratified.

III. WHEREAS, the report of the Joint Board of Bishops, "Official White Book," page 54, item 3, recommends the allocation of annual conferences to various benevolent institutions for support, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that for the first quadrennium of The Evangelical United Brethren Church the annual conferences assigned for support to the benevolent Institutions by their former Communions, be and hereby are assigned to the same institutions.

IV. WHEREAS, the report of the Joint Board of Bishops, "Official White Book," page 53, item 2, appointed a committee, consisting of Bishop C. H. Stauffacher and Bishop V. O. Weidler, for the purpose of making a study with respect to the areas of conferences to be assigned to the respective Homes and Orphanages in the Church, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that we express approval of this assignment and request that such a study be continued by the bishops appointed, and the report be submitted to the next General Conference of the Church.

V. WHEREAS, the Otterbein Home has sustained a great loss in the destruction by fire of two large barns and a smaller one, and

WHEREAS, the Home must replace these barns immediately involving a large expenditure of money not provided for in the budget for construction of new buildings, and

WHEREAS, a petition has been presented to the Conference for guidance in specific ways for financial aid, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the trustees of the Otterbein Home are authorized to send out an informative letter to all pastors in the co-operating area; en-

courage pastors and The Otterbein Home committees in local churches to raise a Christmas offering of at least one dollar per member, and to encourage pastors to solicit funds from interested individuals for this specific financial need.

VI. WHEREAS, the Kansas Conference (UB) request permission to establish a number of single cottage units, as homes for the aged in Kansas, at Camp Webster, near Salina, Kansas, as funds become available through individual gifts, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that we favor this benevolent project and that the committee appointed by the Board of Bishops, consisting of Bishop C. H. Stauffacher and Bishop V. O. Weidler, for the purpose of making a certain study of the Benevolent Institutions shall be enlarged for this particular project by the election of Rev. H. H. Thomas, Mr. O. K. Webster, and Rev. C. V. Priddle as additional members. Be it further

RESOLVED, that if during the Quadrennium it becomes advisable in the mind of the committee to proceed with the erection of these units, the matter shall be recommended to the Council of Administration for action.

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift, our Savior, who prayed and died that we might be saved and that "we might be one;" and thanks be unto God that the sons and daughters of Otterbein and Albright, and sons and daughters of God, are now marching forward and onward for Christ and the church in a common faith and a united future.

We have had a great and blessed conference. We are united in a great program of Kingdom building. We have now come to the closing hours of the first General Conference of The Evangelical United Brethren Church—a conference destined to be historic not only because it is the Uniting Conference, but also because of the great spirit of brotherly love and the passion to do Christ's will.

Trying to express the gratitude and appreciation of this General Conference, we, your Committee on Resolutions submit the following report:

I. Our Bishops

That we express our deep appreciation to our bishops for their inspiring leadership and their tireless efforts in the preparation, interpretation and execution of the conference program; and for their Christian statesmanship in leading us into church union and thus into a larger fellowship and service. That we express our appreciation to the bishops and the bishops emeritus for their inspiring messages.

II. General Officers

Whereas, this General Conference has heard with profit the interesting messages of our capable General Officers, and thrills at the widening scope of the activities and agencies of our enlarged Church; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that we seek in every possible way the undergirding and active support of our General Church interests as we move out to the larger service of the Kingdom.

III. Address of Welcome

WHEREAS, this General Conference has received a most cordial and gracious welcome from:

1. The Evangelical United Brethren Ministerium of Johnstown, Pennsylvania, through its president, Rev. Harry G. Paul,
2. The City Ministerium, Johnstown, Pennsylvania, through its president, Rev. Harold L. Rowe,
3. The Pennsylvania Council of Churches, through its secretary, Dr. Ivan M. Gould,

WHEREAS, Dr. Clyde A. Lynch, president of Lebanon Valley College, Annville, Pennsylvania, has given a most fitting response on behalf of the General Conference,

RESOLVED, that this General Conference is in full accord with the expression of appreciation made in this response to the messages of welcome.

IV. Our Speakers

WHEREAS, through the presentation of the splendid messages delivered at this the first General Conference of The Evangelical United Brethren Church, our minds have been greatly enlightened concerning the world-wide service which our Church renders, and the happy ecumenical relations which it sustains,

WHEREAS, our hearts have been deeply stirred by the challenge which the needs of this present hour offer as we pray "Thy Kingdom Come," and

WHEREAS, during this quadrennium it is our sincere desire that we should move "Forward Together with Christ" in service and fellowship,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we hereby express our appreciation to the various speakers who have addressed us, for these challenging and informative presentations, and pledge to them and to the causes which they represent our continued loyalty and support.

V. Publicity

WHEREAS, Dr. Wade S. Miller and Dr. Raymond M. Veh, have served as such able and efficient Publicity Directors, and

WHEREAS, the Johnstown Press through its morning and evening papers has given this first General Conference of The Evangelical United Brethren Church such generous coverage, and

WHEREAS, radio stations, WJAC and WARD have rendered such splendid service in behalf of the conference, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that we as a Conference express our thanks to them for their co-operation in making available the transactions of this Conference to the general public, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Johnstown Press, and Radio Stations, WJAC and WARD.

VI. Music

WHEREAS, the regular sessions of this General Conference, as well as the Sunday and evening services, have been greatly enriched and the enjoyment of this conference much increased because of the music presented by choirs, glee clubs, men's choral groups, and individual artists and guests, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that we record our gratitude and express our deep appreciation for these fine interpretations of our Christian faith, and the inspiration and joy engendered in our hearts through these musical selections.

VII. Exhibits

WHEREAS, the membership of the General Conference has manifested considerable interest in the elaborate display of exhibits and workers' materials from the Publishing Houses, Educational and Benevolent Institutions, and the national and county Women's Christian Temperance Union, by much favorable comment and the gathering of large numbers daily in the various exhibit rooms, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that we express our appreciation to all organizations and conference interests who, under the direction of the Rev. R. Holdeman, have contributed so freely to this successful feature, and that we also express our desire for similar exhibits at the next General Conference.

VIII. Mr. George Huggins

WHEREAS, the presence and presentation of Mr. George Huggins, actuary of the Pension Fund, the former Evangelical Church, is hereby gratefully recognized, and

WHEREAS, the minute analysis of the problems emerging in the process of relating the several Pension Funds of the merged Church is highly appreciated, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that ministerial and lay leaders covenant to crusade throughout the united Church for accelerated increase in income looking to more adequate and unified benefits.

IX. Amplifying System

WHEREAS, the installation of the amplifying system in this Conference church has been such a great aid in hearing distinctly the speakers on the platform, as well as those who speak from the floor, and has assisted us in entering more heartily into the worship and fellowship of the various services of this General Conference, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that we express our utmost appreciation to Doctor Good, the pastor, and to Mr. H. O. Riggs for this kind service and excellent accommodation.

X. Clerical Work

Realizing that much work in this conference has been done "behind the scenes"—detail in volume but essential, be it

RESOLVED, that we express our appreciation and commendation to Mr. Harold Etling and Mr. John Lyter and their corps of helpers in the office, including those responsible for the typing and mimeographing reports. These helpers have worked many extra hours that our Conference might proceed regularly.

XI. City Officials and Police

WHEREAS, we realize that a gathering as large as this in a community brings with it not only an influx of pedestrians, but more seriously traffic and parking problems, and

WHEREAS, we have enjoyed privileges and courtesies accorded us by the mayor, city authorities, and the police department, for these be it

RESOLVED, that we here express our gratitude and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the proper authorities.

XII. Memorial to Bishop M. T. Maze

Although the human tongue of Bishop M. T. Maze has been silenced for several years, this great body was made vividly aware that "he, being dead, yet speaketh." His spirit came in the moment of union when Bishop C. H. Stauffacher asked for special privilege, and called attention to his great Christian statesmanship, not only as a leading figure in the merger of the Evangelical Association and The United Evangelical Church in 1922, but also in being among the foremost promoters of the negotiations and overtures which culminated in the great union now being perfected. This day of union, November 16, being the Birthday anniversary of Bishop M. T. Maze, his widow, Mrs. M. T. Maze of Lincoln, Nebraska, and daughter, Mrs. Nellie Broderson of Texas presented a basket of white chrysanthemums to the Conference to beautifully remind all that one, especially, is "leaning a little farther over the balconies of heaven" and is rejoicing in that which is taking place.

BE IT RESOLVED, that we appreciate the large contribution of Bishop M. T. Maze to church union, and

BE IT FURTHER resolved that we accept the memorial of Mrs. M. T. Maze and Mrs. Nellie Broderson with gratitude; and that a copy of this resolution be sent to them through our Secretary.

XIII. Address of Bishop C. Bromley Oxnam, D.D., LL.D.

WHEREAS, we have been highly honored at this First General Conference of The Evangelical United Brethren Church by the presence of Bishop C. Bromley Oxnam, D.D., LL.D., president of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America; and

WHEREAS, we are greatly challenged by his presentation of "The Task

of the Protestant Church" in which he asserted that only the Christian church holds within itself the power to avert a third world war and bring into fuller realization the kingdom of God on earth, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that we express our appreciation to Bishop Oxnam for this timely address and rededicate ourselves to the task of bringing about a wider acceptance of the principles of Christ among the nations of the earth in their national and international relationships.

XIV. Entertainment

WHEREAS, we have been entertained royally by the church people of Johnstown, be it

RESOLVED, that we give the pastor-host, Dr. J. G. Good of the Conference church and his corps of co-workers in this church and the Johnstown pastors of the other Evangelical United Brethren churches and their people a standing vote of appreciation for this courteous hospitality in providing for our every need and comfort.

FURTHERMORE, we express our sincere appreciation to the women of the First Evangelical church, the Franklin Street Methodist church, and the First United Brethren church for their work in the kitchen and dining room and for the good meals we have had. We thank the pastor and members of the First Lutheran church for the use of said church for committee meetings. In addition we express appreciation to the Y. M. C. A. for helpful service given. Also we appreciate and sincerely thank all who have opened their homes for our comfort, rest, and entertainment.

XV. "My Christ, My Church, and My Best"

Lastly—Whereas God has blessed us graciously and abundantly in the first General Conference of The Evangelical United Brethren Church with his presence and his Spirit, and

WHEREAS, the spirit of love, humility and evangelistic passion has prevailed in every session of this conference, be it

RESOLVED, that we go to our tasks united in purpose, prayer, program and power, to help a world to know the Christ, the Savior of the world, and saying—"My Christ, My Church, and My Best." "Forward Together with Christ."

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ENABLING ACTS

CONTINUANCE OF EXISTING CORPORATIONS AND AMENDMENTS OF THEIR CHARTERS AND CONSTITUTIONS

BE IT RESOLVED, that all existing corporations, including General Conference, Annual Conference, and Local Church corporations, incorporated Boards, Associations, or other agencies of the two uniting Churches, owning, holding or controlling any property of said uniting Churches, or exercising any powers vested in them by said uniting Churches, or either of them, prior to union, shall, in accordance with the provisions of the Plan and Basis of Union, continue to operate under their existing charters, articles of incorporation, constitutions, or other documents under which they have operated prior to the union of the two uniting Churches, until all property of every kind and description, owned, held and controlled by them, or either of them, or trust funds administered by them under specific trust instruments, shall have been transferred to their respective successor corporations, boards of trustees, associations, or other incorporated agencies created and organized for the same or similar purposes by authority of the General Conference of The Evangelical United Brethren Church.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to Paragraph 8A, Section V of the Plan and Basis of Union, such corporations be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to make such amendments to their charters, articles of incorporation and constitutions pursuant to the laws of the respective States under which they have been incorporated, in orders to adapt the same to and comply with the provisions of the Plan and Basis of Union and the Discipline of The Evangelical United Brethren Church.

WHEREAS, under Section V, Paragraph 5, Sub-paragraph B, of the Plan and Basis of Union, it is provided that all corporations, including General Conference, Annual Conference, and Local Church corporations, Boards of Trustees, Associations, or other agencies of the two uniting Churches, owning, holding or controlling any property of the said uniting Churches, or exercising any powers vested in them by said uniting Churches, or either of them, shall, under and in pursuance of the Plan and Basis of Union, continue to operate under the existing charters, articles of incorporation, constitution, or other documents under which they have hitherto operated prior to the uniting of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ and The Evangelical Church, until all property, of every kind and description, owned, held and controlled by them, or either of them, or trust funds administered by them under specific trust declarations, shall have been transferred to their respective successor corporations, boards of trustees, associations, or other agencies which may be authorized to be created and organized for such purposes by the General Conference of The Evangelical United Brethren Church.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that all such corporations, incorporated boards, associations, or other agencies of the two uniting Churches, owning, holding or controlling any property of said uniting Churches, or exercising any powers vested in them by said uniting Churches, prior to union, shall, in accordance with said provisions of the Plan and Basis of Union, continue to operate under their existing charters, articles of incorporations, constitutions, or other documents under which they have operated prior to the union of said uniting Churches, until all property, of every kind and description, owned, held and controlled by them, or trust funds administered by them under specific trust instruments, shall have been transferred to their respective successor corporations, boards of trustees, associations, or other incorporated agencies, created or organized for the same or similar purposes by authority of the General Conference of The Evangelical United Brethren Church.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section V, Paragraph 8A, of the Plan and Basis of Union, all such corporations be and they are hereby

authorized and empowered to take the necessary steps to amend their charters, articles of incorporation, and constitutions, pursuant to the laws of the respective states under which they have been incorporated or organized, in order to adapt the same to, and conform with, the provisions of the Plan and Basis of Union and the Discipline of The Evangelical United Brethren Church.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall apply to all the above mentioned organizations, including specifically the following named corporations and institutions, viz:

(a) *Corporations and Institutions of The Evangelical Church:*

THE PENSION FUND OF THE EVANGELICAL CHURCH, an Ohio corporation, of Cleveland, Ohio.

THE PUBLISHING HOUSE OF THE EVANGELICAL CHURCH AT HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA, a Pennsylvania corporation, of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION OF THE EVANGELICAL CHURCH, an Ohio corporation, of Cleveland, Ohio.

THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE EVANGELICAL CHURCH, an Ohio corporation, of Cleveland, Ohio.

THE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION OF THE EVANGELICAL CHURCH, a Pennsylvania corporation, of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OF THE EVANGELICAL CHURCH, an Ohio corporation, of Cleveland, Ohio.

THE DEACONESS SOCIETY OF THE EVANGELICAL CHURCH, an Illinois corporation, of Chicago, Illinois.

THE EVANGELICAL HOME, a Pennsylvania corporation, of Lewisburg, Pennsylvania.

THE EVANGELICAL HOME FOR THE AGED, a Pennsylvania corporation, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

THE EBENEZER OLD PEOPLE'S HOME OF THE EVANGELICAL CHURCH, a New York corporation, of Ebenezer, New York.

THE HAVEN HUBBARD MEMORIAL OLD PEOPLE'S HOME OF THE EVANGELICAL CHURCH, an Indiana corporation, of New Carlisle, Indiana.

THE WESTERN OLD PEOPLE'S HOME OF THE EVANGELICAL CHURCH, an Iowa corporation, of Cedar Falls, Iowa.

THE PACIFIC EVANGELICAL HOME FOR THE AGED, a California corporation, of Burbank, California.

THE FLAT ROCK CHILDREN'S HOME OF THE EVANGELICAL CHURCH, an Ohio corporation, of Flat Rock, Ohio.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRACT UNION OF THE EVANGELICAL CHURCH, an Ohio corporation, of Cleveland, Ohio.

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE EVANGELICAL CHURCH, a Pennsylvania corporation, of Lewisburg, Pennsylvania.

THE CHARITABLE SOCIETY OF EVANGELICAL ASSOCIATION, a Pennsylvania corporation of Orwigsburg, Pennsylvania.

THE CHARITABLE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED EVANGELICAL CHURCH, a Pennsylvania corporation, of Reading, Pennsylvania.

(b) *Corporations and Institutions of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ:*

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHURCH OF THE UNITED BRETHREN IN CHRIST, an Ohio corporation, of Dayton, Ohio.

THE OTTERBEIN PRESS, an Ohio corporation, of Dayton, Ohio.

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THE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION OF THE CHURCH OF THE UNITED BRETHREN IN CHRIST, an Ohio corporation, of Dayton, Ohio.

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THE OTTERBEIN HOME, an Ohio corporation, of Lebanon, Ohio.

THE MINISTERIAL PENSION AND ANNUITY PLAN, a Pennsylvania corporation, of York, Pennsylvania.

(c) *The provisions of this act shall cover all other corporations if there be any.*

REVISION OF ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION, CONSTITUTIONS BY-LAWS BY ANNUAL CONFERENCES AND INSTITUTIONS

RESOLVED, that all annual conferences, whether incorporated or not, and their subsidiary or affiliated agencies and organizations; all existing corporations, including colleges, seminaries, homes, hospitals, and other institutions; all unincorporated boards, societies, associations and other administrative agencies; all local churches, missions, and all their administrative agencies, of the uniting Churches, be and the same are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to amend their respective articles of incorporation or association, constitutions and by-laws, in order to comply with the provisions of the Plan and Basis of Union, and the Discipline of The Evangelical United Brethren Church, and to identify them as organizations of The Evangelical United Brethren Church.

UNION OR CHANGES IN BOUNDARIES OF ANNUAL CONFERENCES

RESOLVED, that if and when during the first quadrennium of The Evangelical United Brethren Church, certain annual conferences propose and contemplate union or changes in their boundaries pursuant to the provisions of Paragraph 10 of Section V of the Plan and Basis of Union, and Paragraph 171, 179 and 223 of Section II, Chapter II, of the Discipline and such proposal or plan is submitted to the first General Conference of The Evangelical United Brethren Church, in the event the General Council of Administration, from the facts and circumstances submitted, finds and determines that such proposed and contemplated union or changes in boundaries of such annual conferences is desirable and expedient, then the General Council of Administration is hereby authorized to co-operate with the annual conferences proposing and contemplating such union or changes in boundaries, and all matters pertaining to finance, personnel, and geographical area of the annual conferences involved in or affected by such proposed changes in boundaries or such proposed union, shall be adjusted co-operatively under the direction of the General Council of Administration; and under the direction of this Council a plan covering these matters shall be prepared for the proposed changes in boundaries of such annual conferences, or such proposed united conference, and if and when adopted by the annual conferences involved or affected thereby, the plan adopted and the adjustments made in co-operation with the General Council of Administration shall be submitted to the next Special or Regular Session of the General Conference.

**FIXING JANUARY FIRST, 1947, AS DATE OF BEGINNING OF THE
FIRST QUADRENNIUM AND TERMS OF OFFICE OF
ELECTED OFFICIALS**

WHEREAS, it is contemplated that a reasonable period of adjustment will be required on the part of the officials elected by the first General Conference of The Evangelical United Brethren Church following the adjournment of the first General Conference during which period many details of administration must receive the attention of such officials in preparation for the assumption of their duties as elected officials of The Evangelical United Brethren Church for the first quadrennium.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that January 1, 1947, shall be and is hereby fixed as the beginning of the first quadrennium of The Evangelical United Brethren Church, and that the terms of office of the Bishops, General Officers, Secretaries and Members of the various Boards, Institutions and Agencies of the new Church elected by this first General Conference shall begin on the date above designated.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all of the Bishops, General Officers, Secretaries and Members of the various Boards and Agencies of the Church of The United Brethren in Christ and The Evangelical Church shall continue to exercise and perform the duties of their respective offices during the interim between the adjournment of this General Conference and the beginning of the first quadrennium as herein above fixed as of January 1, 1947, and that the salaries or compensation and the customary and usual expenses of administration of said officials, boards and agencies for said intervening period shall be paid as heretofore by the respective uniting Churches, in order that there shall be continuity of administration during said period of adjustment between the adjournment of the first General Conference of The Evangelical United Brethren Church and the beginning of the first quadrennium.

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TELEGRAMS AND LETTERS

TELEGRAM

Danville, Illinois
November 16, 1946

Presiding Bishop,
Evangelical United Brethren Church

Congratulations to the sons and daughters of Albright and Otterbein from one of your chaplains. Praying for God's presence and a forward look.

CHAPLAIN R. F. JOOP

TELEGRAM

Canton Via Mackayradio
October 22, 1946

Bishop Clippinger,
Dayton, Ohio

Greetings. Congratulations from Church of Christ in China to new born Evangelical United Brethren Church in United States. John Seventh Twenty-two.

C. W. SHOOP

TELEGRAM

Lincoln, Nebraska
November 15, 1946

Uniting Conference of The
Evangelical United Brethren Church:

The Methodist Rural Fellowship in annual meeting at Des Moines, Iowa, by unanimous approval have requested me as president of our Fellowship to extend to The Evangelical United Brethren Church our sincere congratulations on the achievement of unification which you celebrate this day. Whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder.

RAY F. MAGNUSON

TELEGRAM

Sierra Leone Via RCA
November 15, 1946

Bishop Clippinger,
Uniting Conference,
Johnstown, Pennsylvania

Praise and thanksgiving that the world may know that I love the Father and as the Father gave me commandment even so I do.

MUSSELMAN, WEST AFRICA

TELEGRAM

Des Moines, Iowa
November 13, 1946

The Evangelical United Brethren Conference
First United Brethren Church,
Johnstown, Pennsylvania

Greetings to The Evangelical United Brethren Conference. The thirty-nine Evangelical and United Brethren pastors assembled at the National Convention of Town and Country Life at Des Moines, Iowa, recommend the appointment of a full-time Rural Life Director. We also recommend the establishment of a Rural Life Fellowship.

The Committee,
H. A. DIERDORF
M. R. VOGEL
C. C. MESSNER
C. W. DEHN

LETTER

Evangelical Church in the Philippines
 San Fernando North Conference
 Headquarters: San Fernando, La Union
 October 8, 1946

Bishop A. R. Clippinger
 1409 U. B. Building
 Dayton 2, Ohio

Dear Bishop:

It was Rev. C. C. Witmer who informed me this afternoon that some time next month the General Conferences of the Evangelical Church and our United Brethren Church will be held jointly in Johnstown, Pennsylvania. Our Philippine Conference has always taken its stand in favor of union and union movements. In the beginning, we were United Brethren, in 1929 United Evangelical, in 1943 Evangelical, and in 1947, by God's grace, United Church of Christ in the Philippines! Each time we went into union, it was a bigger church that resulted. This one just ahead will be, I think, the biggest possible, as it will unite all the Protestant bodies that have a mind to unite.

Now that we have always been in this movement, how proud we are to learn that even our Old Mother Church is to get married and is to become *Evangelical* like us! And *United*, as always. Your Daughter Church in the Philippines joins the saints and angels in one mighty "Praise the Lord!" "Thy Kingdom Come!" Let's all be one . . .

Let all the churches be one—the faster, the better! If you begin to unite there, you will thereby make it easier to unite here.

After the formation of The Evangelical United Brethren Church, let us hope and pray for a greater missionary enterprise in the Philippines.

For and in behalf of our Philippine Conference,

ONOFRE G. FONCECA
 Conference Superintendent

LETTER

Foreign Missions Conference of North America
 156 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y.

November 9, 1946

The General Conference of
 The Evangelical United Brethren Church.
 Dear Brethren in Christ:

On behalf of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, with its one hundred twenty affiliated sister boards which through the years have enjoyed warm and helpful co-operative fellowship with the Society of The Evangelical Church and with the Society and the Association of the United Brethren in Christ, I extend heartfelt congratulations and best wishes on this union so happily consummated.

Such a reduction in the number of members of the conference as will result from this union is very happily in line with that spiritual unity and thorough-going co-operation for which the conference was created by its member boards. The fellow-members have every reason to anticipate that this pooling of your resources of spiritual power, personnel and funds will strengthen and make still more effective the co-operation which has characterized all three of your societies through the years.

May I add a personal word of greeting? As the husband of one who grew up in the Evangelical Church and as one who at his first National Council of the Congregational Churches in 1907 was deeply disappointed that the union then proposed did not work out, I have heard with genuine delight reports of your steady progress toward union. My official greetings are therefore made even warmer by this personal connection, as a relative by marriage, so to speak!

May our Almighty Father bless this union and make it increasingly fruitful in all good works!

Sincerely yours,
 WYNN C. FAIRFIELD,
Chairman of the Secretarial Council

LETTER

The International Council of Religious Education
 203 North Wabash Avenue, Chicago 1, Illinois
 September 24, 1946

The General Conference of The
 Evangelical United Brethren Church
 First United Brethren Church
 Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

Dear Christian Friends:

The International Council of Religious Education has learned that the merger of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ and the Evangelical Church has been formally approved, and that you will soon be meeting in the first General Conference of The Evangelical United Brethren Church.

With the Board of Christian Education of both of these united churches, the International Council has long enjoyed a friendly and profitable relationship. The Board of Christian Education of the Evangelical Church through its general secretary, Dr. Reuben H. Mueller, and the Board of Christian Education of the United Brethren in Christ through its general secretary, Dr. O. T. Deever, have been in the forefront of our co-operative Christian education movement. We give thanks for the wise planning and good counsel which these boards have given to their local churches, and the hearty support which they have given to interdenominational co-operation in the United States and Canada.

The International Council of Religious Education joins with all other Christians in wishing God's blessing upon the new united church. The Council promises its hearty support for all its undertakings in the field of Christian education, and, indeed, in all its activities for the advancement of the kingdom of God on earth.

We are counting upon this new united church to be a mighty and effective witness for our Lord in our nation, and we are confident that it will live up to, and exceed, our greatest expectations.

Fraternally yours,
 GERALD E. KNOFF,
Associate General Secretary

LETTER

Reutlingen, Germany,
 Hagstrasse 2, French Zone,
 September 28, 1946

Dr. Reinhold Kuecklich
 —Predigerseminar—

To the Church Union Conference of The Evangelical United Brethren Church, in session November 17, 1946, at Johnstown, Pennsylvania:
 Esteemed Bishops and Members of the Church Union Conference of The Evangelical United Brethren Church:

Dear Brethren:

As son of the Church and as teacher of our Church Theological Seminary at Reutlingen, Germany, also as a member of the General Conference of the Evangelical Church in 1938, permit me to convey to you my respectful Christian greetings and my sincere good wishes on occasion of the church union.

"This is the Lord's doing" Psalms 118:23. That is our steady conviction in the church here in Germany, which is merged with you in the new Christian body, and we express our thankful sentiments regarding this union with the historical sentence, "We are brethren."

It is our earnest prayer that our Lord and Master may answer that step of faith and of obedience of his children coming together with a spiritual deepening of our church work in the whole world.

With you one in Christ we are one mutually. Therefore, we love you all, the old brethren and the new brethren. To many of you we are speaking with the apostle: "As unknown and yet well known." With our German charismatic church poet Tersteegen (1697-1769) we pray in our own language:

Ich umfasse, die dir dienen;
Ich verein'ge mich mit ihnen;
Und vor deinem Angesicht
Wunsch' ich Zion tausend Segen.
Starke sie in deinen Wegen,
Leite sie in deinen Licht.

Bishop Stamm: In English: "I enfold those that I *protect*. I unite myself with them and before thy face. I wish them thousand blessings. Strengthen them in your ways. Lead them in your light."

And then in Greek there is the benediction:

All the Saints salute you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen. II Corinthians 13:13-14.

(Signed)

REINHOLD KUECKLICH,
Reutlingen, Germany

TELEGRAM

Cambridge Massachusetts
November 19, 1946

Bishop John S. Stamm
Care Dr. John D. Good, Pastor
First United Brethren Church

To the delegates of the First General Conference of The Evangelical United Brethren Church assembled in Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

Hearty congratulations from The Evangelical United Brethren Church of Cambridge, Massachusetts. On the successful achievement of merging two great churches into the greater Evangelical United Brethren Church may the Holy Spirit guide you in all the deliberations and transactions of this historic General Conference.

REV. C. E. WILSON, *Pastor*

POEM

WE ARE BRETHREN

Come Holy Spirit with flaming power;
Unite our hearts this sacred hour.
With one accord in this holy place,
We turn to Thee and ask Thy grace.
May Pentecost be in us renewed
And love be crowned with brotherhood,
For we are brethren.

Fulfill through us the Savior's prayer,
That we be one and witness bear
That One is Father of us all,
And we His children. Help us call
Each other by that loving name
Of brother, as one Lord we claim;
As we are brethren.

Spirit of Albright and Otterbein,
Thy hopes fulfilled in us now shine
To light a world with hatred torn;
Wandering desolate and forlorn
To the promised land of Brotherhood,
Where self seeks only another's good.
All we are brethren.

As now we here our union seal,
Do Thou, O Holy Spirit, reveal
The greater things Thou hast in mind
For us—'til love binds all mankind.
This is the beginning and not the end
Of that great mission. Do Thou us send
'Till all are brethren.

J. H. SCHMIDT
Frederick, Md.

Written to commemorate the union of the Evangelical and United Brethren in Christ churches, November 16, 1946, at Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

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